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Mineral Rites

Georgia Researchers Tout Selenium As AIDS Treatment

by Eva Emerson

WASHINGTON (UPI) - A new reading of HIV's genetic code suggests that selenium may be beneficial in controlling the spread of infection, University of Georgia researchers said Friday, August 19.

The identification of what may be new viral genes points to totally new approaches to both the study and treatment of AIDS, researchers reported in the *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry*.

The genes, predicted by a computer analysis of the HIV's genetic code, seem to require selenium to work. Notably, one of these genes might be a kind of

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Ohio Researchers Tout Gold As HIV Treatment

United Press International

CINCINNATI - Two University of Cincinnati researchers said Tuesday, August 23 they believe a gold-based chemical slows the reproduction of HIV.

Katherine Tepperman and her husband, Richard Elder, say dicyanogold is produced in human cells when they react to any of three medicines commonly used to treat rheumatoid arthritis.

Tepperman and Elder presented their findings during a conference in Milwaukee last week. U.C. filed for a patent in July to protect its rights to dicyanogold as an AIDS treatment.

If further research verifies the results, gold might become the most significant development in

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Longtime Community Leader Rikki Streicher Dies

by Dennis Conkin

The flags of San Francisco flew at half mast Monday, in honor of lesbian pioneer and leader Rikki Streicher, who died of cancer on Sunday, August 21, at Garden Sullivan Hospital. She was 68.

Streicher was the owner of Maud's, a lesbian bar that was a community institution from the day it opened in 1966 until it closed in 1989.

An accomplished businesswoman, Streicher also owned and operated several other popular venues during her career, including Amelia's, a Valencia Street lesbian bar that had been a gay male strip joint - and eventually ended up as the Elbo Room, a straight singles bar owned by Streicher until her death; Olive Oil's, a bar at Pier 50; and one of the first gay

bars in the Russian River resort area, Vieux Carre, which operated during the mid-1960s to late-1970s.

Streicher was also deeply involved with numerous community groups during a half century of service as a community leader. Her leadership included service on the boards of directors of The Society For Individual Rights, The Tavern Guild, the Cable Car Awards, the

Godfather Service Fund, 18th Street Services, and the Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights. Streicher was also a treasurer for the Tavern Guild Foundation and on the Community Advisory Boards of The AIDS Emergency Fund and Frameline. She was also grand marshal of the 1991

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Rikki Streicher

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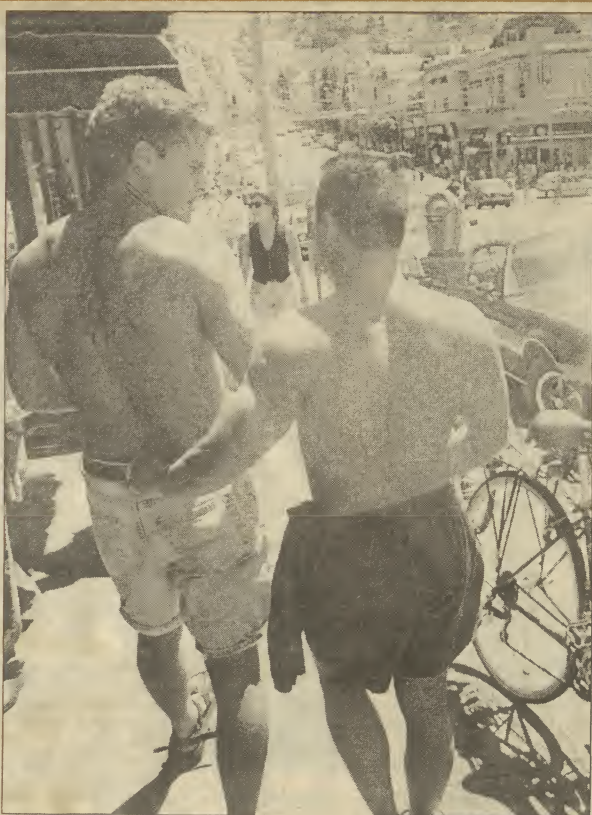


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Prime Cut

The answer to that eternal question - "Where's the Beef?" - could be found on Castro Street a couple Sundays ago as high temperatures meant bare torsos and plenty of them.

Italians Release Controversial Lesbian/HIV Study

And the CDC Admits It Knows Nothing About the Subject

by Kimberly Griffin

After conducting a six-month study of 18 lesbian couples, a team of researchers at the University of Turin, Italy, recently concluded that "our results support a non-existent risk of viral transmission" of HIV between two women.

A number of HIV/AIDS advocates in the United States have criticized the study's methodology, and some have even warned that dis-

seminating the results could be dangerous.

"I don't think six months is long enough to study any group, no matter how controlled," said Toni Young, director of the National Women and HIV/AIDS Project. Releasing the results, she said, "builds a false sense of security within the lesbian community about HIV transmission. I don't think we can afford to take that chance."

Amber Hollibaugh, director of the Lesbian

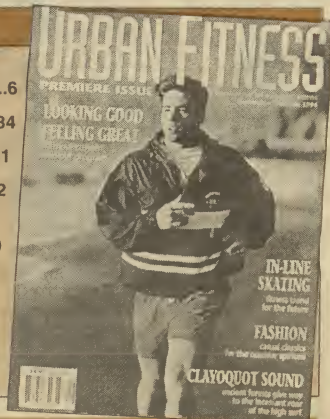
AIDS Project at Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York, said that while she welcomes research on woman-to-woman HIV transmission, the study did not appear extensive enough to warrant the conclusion that female transmission is non-existent.

The Italian researchers, led by Dr. R. Rateiri, reported their study results in the July 23 issue of the *Lancet*, a British medical journal. During

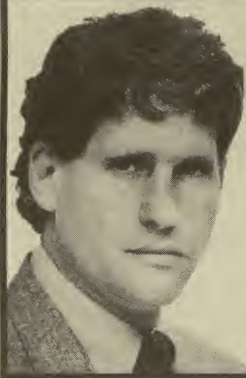
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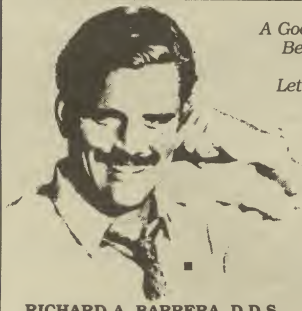


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Phone bondage: AIDS activist G'dali Braverman demonstrates ACT UP/Golden Gate's handcuffing tactics, which were employed against Sen. Feinstein's office furniture in a August 23 demo, re-enacted for photographers who arrived late on the scene.

AIDS Activists Zap Feinstein

by Dennis Conkin

Four AIDS activists were briefly detained and investigated, but then released, on Monday, August 22 after they occupied Senator Dianne Feinstein's San Francisco office to protest her opposition to Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell's compromise healthcare plan.

Feinstein announced on August 16 that she would not support Mitchell's compromise to President Clinton's stalled healthcare reform plan because it contained "too many subsidies and entitlement programs."

The AIDS activists charge that Feinstein courted their support but has now abandoned people with AIDS and is taking the lesbian and gay community for granted.

"Now she's thrown us over-

board in a cheap ploy to win conservative votes. If a health care bill leaves some people without coverage, those people will be us. Feinstein is apparently willing to let us die if that's what it takes to woo conservative votes," charged activist Edward Zold.

Seven activists entered Feinstein's Montgomery Street offices at about 9 a.m., according to Hadley Roff, a longtime Feinstein aide.

One protester leaped over the glass partition separating the inner offices from the public, Roff told the *Bay Area Reporter*, as several others went to various offices within the suite and handcuffed themselves to doors or furniture.

Roff told the *B.A.R.* that the protesters were non-violent and

did not resist being removed from the offices.

"There were seven of us," confirmed G'dali Braverman, who has the legal rights to the name ACT UP in San Francisco. "We handcuffed ourselves to the door, locked ourselves in offices, took over the fax machine, and made phone calls. We called the media, and we called her offices in Washington and let her know that we don't find her position acceptable."

Activists Lance Martin, Rich Aagaard, Matthew Sharp, and Braverman were briefly detained but later released.

The activists demand that Feinstein support "true universal coverage" in any health care reform measure, pledge to fight any amendments designed to

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Mondelli Making 'Miraculous' Recovery

Publicity on Wegner 'Helpful,' Police Say

by Kent Bradley

Although police inspectors on the case say they have not yet been able to talk once more to Mario Mondelli, the stabbing victim is now "making a miraculous recovery against all odds."

Police Inspector David Oberhoffer said Mondelli, who suffered critical injuries inflicted by a camping ax late on the night of July 25, was greatly improved, and he's "starting to come back."

Mondelli is able to respond to requests by blinking his eyes, Oberhoffer told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

However, Alice Trinkl, a spokesperson at San Francisco General Hospital, would only say Mondelli was still in critical condition the afternoon of Tuesday, August 23. Oberhoffer did not dispute that, but said Mondelli was nevertheless "greatly improved." Police said they were most anxious to speak to the critically wounded actor/artist.

Mondelli's alleged assailant, Dr. Dean Freeman, a psychiatrist, has not yet been recharged in the case, Oberhoffer said. He was released shortly after his arrest, but police told the *B.A.R.* they believe Freeman was still in the city.

Jeff Ross, who is handling the case in the district attorney's office, said he was waiting to talk to Mondelli as soon as the patient had shown sufficient improvement. The district attorney's office, meanwhile, is waiting for laboratory tests to come back. "We may be charging Dr. Freeman" pending the outcome, Ross said.

Oberhoffer said that everything requested by the district attorney's office for prosecution in the

case was now "in progress."

The Intensive Care Unit at SFGH is a locked ward, Oberhoffer said, and security is tight. Mondelli is being monitored, the investigator said.

"We have established the relationship [between Mondelli and Freeman], Oberhoffer said. "It was a personal, intimate relationship. They both admitted it, as did many of their friends."

Oberhoffer has now been joined on the case by Inspector Jeff Levin, said Sergeant Barbara Davis, public information officer for SFPD.

Oberhoffer had requested a transfer a year ago to Potrero Hill Station, to a uniformed patrol unit.

"Levin will be handling the case while I'm on this assignment," Oberhoffer said.

Meanwhile, Inspectors Mike Johnson and Alex Fagan continue to work on the mysterious murder and expert dismemberment of

Tommy Wegner, presumably at the hands of someone in the medical profession, last March 28.

Publicity on the case in the *B.A.R.* last week resulted in a "significant new lead," Fagan said. Police did not disclose the nature of the information.

Detectives in the Wegner case are requesting a \$10,000 reward for more information be posted through normal police channels. ▼



Mario Mondelli

Medical Marijuana: Lawmakers Say Smoke 'Em If You've Got 'Em

by Kent Brandley

A bill that would legalize the medical use of marijuana by prescription in California finally puffed through the assembly on Thursday, August 18, and is now in the hands of Governor Pete Wilson.

SB 1364, authored by Senator Milton Marks of San Francisco, puts California on record as the 36th state to endorse marijuana as medicine, said John Entwistle, lobbyist for Americans for Compassionate Use.

The measure passed 46-21 with broad bi-partisan support; eight Republicans joined 38 Democrats in passing the measure, which had previously sailed through the state senate.

Marks said he was very pleased the assembly passed the measure, that he was pleased with the bi-partisan support, and that he "certainly hopes the governor will approve it, as it is very necessary for patients who are sick and it's important to let the doctors make the decisions on this."

"Our main focus now will be a statewide push to get Governor Wilson to sign the bill," Entwistle said. "He has never said a word against it."

The bill, if it becomes law with Wilson's signature, Entwistle said, would provide a new mechanism to keep innocent patients out of jail. The law will help protect persons who need marijuana medically, such as those in severe pain and discomfort, he said.

"This is the most far-reaching legislation that any state has passed to date," said Carol Stuart, press secretary to Marks. "California, with both houses passing this bill, has taken the biggest step forward in encouraging the federal government to act on taking a stand to provide for medicinal marijuana."

It may also save taxpayers money, since "Mary Jane" continues to be an expensive client for the taxpayers of San Francisco. Harvey Rose, the Board of Supervisors budget analyst, and assistant District Attorney Donna Lee were in a terrible tiff last week after Rose claimed the district attorney's office spent almost \$178,000 in 1993 on prosecuting marijuana cases. Lee said Rose was just blowing smoke. The two of them did considerable huffing over how much it cost to prosecute those who are puffing. Many will agree that however much, it is too much.

In a related action, Mayor Frank Jordan threw his support behind the medicinal use of marijuana on Friday, August 19, by signing a resolution urging the federal government to remove restrictions on medical pot as well as on needle exchange programs.

"The medicinal use of marijuana has been proven to relieve the suffering of people with life-threatening illness," Jordan said. "If someone is dying from can-

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Migden, Leal Seek To Warn Popper Users of Dangers

by Dennis Conkin

A resolution by Supervisor Carole Migden, co-sponsored by Supervisor Susan Leal, calls for point-of-sale notices about the health risks of using "poppers," wherever the nitrite-based inhalants are sold in San Francisco. The measure was introduced before the Board of Supervisors on Monday, August 22, was sent to the full board without reference to committee, and will be automatically passed next week unless a supervisor calls for a hearing on the measure.

The resolution also urges California State Senator Milton Marks to reintroduce Senate Bill 1525, which revises the definition of poppers for such notification purposes.

The drugs, derived from the potent vasodilator amyl nitrate, are used to enhance the sensation of orgasm.

According to the resolution by Migden, recent studies indicate that popper users are unaware of the health risks associated with

the use of butyl nitrites — including damage to the immune system and their role as a risk factor for unsafe sex.

In 1983, San Francisco pioneered the first poppers point-of-sale warnings, followed by a 1986 state law requiring notice that such drugs may be harmful to one's health and may adversely effect the immune system. In 1991, federal law banned the manufacture and sale of poppers entirely, but Migden says that manufacturers have reformulated the chemical composition of such commercially available products.

State laws do not currently cover the reformulation or sale of the new chemical compounds.

"I think it's very important legislation," said Hank Wilson of ACT UP Golden Gate's Committee To Monitor Poppers. "We have a new generation of young people who may not know we have a problem. The community who demanded research at the beginning of the epidemic now has research."

Wilson told the B.A.R. that a

number of studies in mice and humans indicate that poppers are "significantly immunosuppressive."

"We've got to make sure that people make informed choices. That's why point-of-sale warning signs are so important," he said.

Marks's bill would have expanded the definition of poppers to cover the new formulations, Migden said, but a spokesman for Marks told the B.A.R. "The Department of Health Services opposes the bill in its current form."

"They think it needs to be more explicit about who is responsible for putting up signs — the manufacturers need to be held accountable, not store owners — and had questions about who would enforce the legislation."

Mike Bosia of Mark's office told the Bay Area Reporter that Marks would form a committee of representatives from anti-poppers groups, health experts, and others to create new legislation that would address the concerns of the Wilson administration. ▼

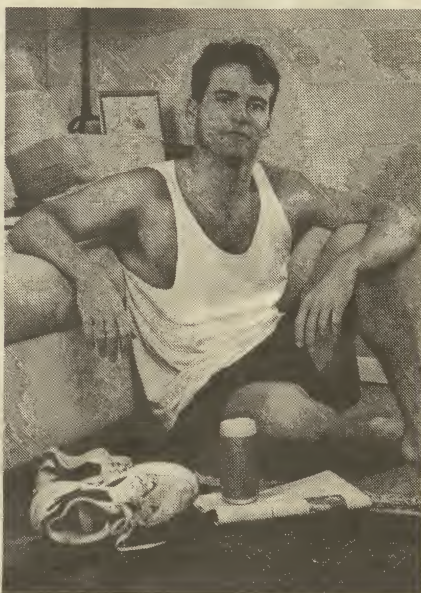


Carole Migden

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COMMUNITY NEWS

400 Castro: "Behind Schedule — Which Means It's on Schedule"

by Dennis Conkin

Although building renovation permits have not yet been approved and no construction contracts have been awarded, the HIV multi-service center slated for 400 Castro Street will still probably open in mid-November, according to the project's organizers.

The site will provide a variety of counseling, support, and other services to people with HIV and AIDS, including intake services, according to AIDS Health Project Deputy Director Joanna Rinaldi.

"It's about a month behind schedule — which means it's on schedule," Rinaldi told the *Bay Area Reporter*. "The contracts are going out for bid, and construction should start in about three weeks. We expect to be open for services in the middle of November."

Plans for the program sparked controversy among some Castro Street merchants and area residents earlier this year when Noah's Bagels, an Emeryville chain, was granted a conditional use permit use for the site.

Under terms of a lease agreement with the Lurie Company, which owns the site, Noah's Bagels assumed the lease once held by the Bank of America, and will spend an estimated \$120,000 to renovate the site.

An additional \$100,000 was provided by the Mayor's Office of Community Development to the HIV/AIDS Life Center, which will oversee the site's non-profit use, according to Life Center spokesman Jonathan Pearlman.

The program was initially opposed by local merchants and residents who expressed concern over the political process for the conditional use approval and worried that the facility would attract homeless people and aggressive panhandlers and criminals to the area.

Merchants also expressed concern that another fast food franchise would adversely affect retail food business in the area.

Approval of the city's Planning Commission, allowing the group to apply for a conditional use, was required because of a ten-year-old ordinance banning restaurants from occupying non-commercial space in Castro, due to a restaurant glut in the area.

Rinaldi told the *Bay Area Reporter* that the



Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland

The HIV multiservice center at 400 Castro Street is still shooting for a fall opening.

facility will be open for services six days week, and that 75 percent of the agency's 55 support groups will operate out of the site.

Among the programs at the site will be a confidential HIV testing clinic and intake programs for people newly diagnosed with HIV. People wishing absolutely anonymous HIV antibodies testing will be referred to District Health Center One on 17th Street in the Castro, or other sites, for such tests.

Services will be available for clients from 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Friday, Rinaldi told the *Bay Area Reporter*. On Saturdays the programs will operate from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. ▼

Castro Car Theft Suspects Caught by Cops, Bystander

by Dennis Conkin

Mission Station police averted what Captain Joaquin Santos called "a certain tragedy" in the Castro on Wednesday, August 17 when they cut off some suspected car thieves who were trying to flee down Hartford Street.

During their desperate attempt to elude capture, the alleged thieves rammed into the right side of a police car carrying Santos and police Lieutenant Gabe Harp. The driver of the stolen car was chased on foot down Market Street and was tackled by a citizen who was "just doing his duty" as officers were in hot pursuit, according to a police report filed about the incident.

"If this guy had gotten through on Hartford Street and made it through onto 17th at Castro, he would have killed somebody. The pedestrian traffic was really high. He would have killed someone. He could have cared less," Santos told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

21-year-old Raul Melara and Juan Pedro Peralta-Sandoval are in police custody on a variety of charges including felony auto theft, hit and run, and evading arrest.

The bizarre incident began shortly after noon when an alert citizen was walking down 19th Street in the Castro.

The citizen noticed a red 4 Runner Toyota double-parked beside a black four-wheel Jeep and saw a young man using a screwdriver on the license plate of the red car. Inside the black jeep, the citizen noticed a young man was using a screwdriver on the dashboard, and that the steering wheel was locked with a stick type anti-theft mechanism.

The citizen hurried home and called 911 — and during the call, saw the car headed towards Dolores Park.

Officers were dispatched to take a report, but the suspect's car turned onto Church and directly in front of the marked patrol car on its way to 19th Street.

The officers turned on their

red overhead lights and siren, but the suspects took off and sped down 18th Street, passing Sanchez and Noe at about 50 mph, according to Officer Jimmy Chan, and turned onto Hartford Street.

Santos and Harper were patrolling the area and responded to Correa's announcement that the vehicle was driving recklessly and paralleled the stolen car.

When Correa reported the car had turned onto Hartford Street from 18th, Harper flipped on his patrol car's lights, turned onto Hartford from 17th, saw the car coming, and placed his car in a position to stop the stolen vehicle and prevent it from traveling down Hartford Street to the crowded intersection at 17th Street and Market, according to Santos.

"The guys saw an opportunity to try to get through and he took it. My side of the car got hit and the guy jumped out and ran. I kicked the door open," Santos said.

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Appreciation That Can't Be Refused: The Godfather Turns Ten

by Kent Brandley

The GodFather Service Fund will celebrate its tenth anniversary with a gala appreciation night in the Japanese Pavilion Room of the Cathedral Hill Hotel this Saturday, August 27.

No host cocktails will start at 6 p.m., followed by a sumptuous buffet dinner at 6:30 and the appreciation celebration at 8 p.m. San Francisco Supervisor Susan Leal and *Bay Area Reporter* publisher Bob Ross will host and emcee the event. The Cathedral Hill Hotel is located at 1101 Van Ness Avenue.

Featured entertainers include Shan Carr, David Lyle Carver, the Lesbian and Gay Chorus of San Francisco, Solomon Rose, Kate Simonton, Don Thompson, and Danny Williams. A trip for two anywhere in the continental U.S., donated by S. R. Travel and American Airlines, will be raffled as part of the evening's festivities.

Awards will honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the GodFather Service Fund.

The GodFather Service Fund is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to improving the lives of people with HIV/AIDS while they are in the hospital. With bi-weekly visits, fund volunteers provide personal care items to people with HIV-related illness at thirteen San Francisco hospitals and healthcare facilities.

Fund volunteers also prepare and deliver special holiday packages on all major holidays, and make every effort to fulfill hospital requests for specialty care items that make patient care more personal.

The board of directors of the fund has announced there will be no charge to attend Saturday night's event, although contributions will be accepted. Tables of ten may be reserved for a minimum donation of \$50 per table, subject to availability on a first-come, first-served basis. Persons interested in reserving tables should call 565-4433.

Arrangements have been made with the Cathedral Hill Hotel for validated parking at \$5 per automobile. Suggested attire for the event is "comfortable and casual." ▼

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Conviction Upheld in Killing of S.F. Hustlers

by Dennis Conkin

The First District Court of Appeal has upheld the double murder conviction of William Melville White, who is serving a life sentence at Pelican Bay State Prison for the 1984 murders of two teenaged Polk Street prostitutes.

White, 52, was convicted of the torture-murder of 17-year-old Larry Gaines at an Ocean Beach survivalist hideaway where White, who was homeless, lived. Gaines was shot, stabbed, sodomized, and dismembered following several hours of torture by White and two accomplices.

White was also convicted of stabbing and slicing the throat of Ted Gomez in a secluded area of Golden Gate Park near the Chain of Lakes.

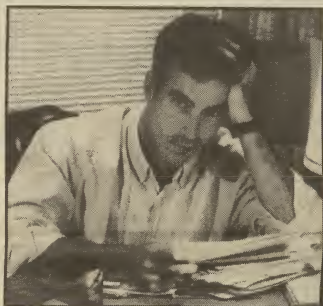
San Francisco Assistant Public Defender Michael Burke had appealed White's conviction on the grounds that White was denied a fair trial because homeless people were excluded from jury lists prepared by the Registrar of Voters.

Burke also appealed the case on the grounds that White's confession to police and the testimony of two accomplices, Ted Porter and David Murdoch, should have been excluded from the trial.

During White's 1991 trial for the murders, Murdoch testified that Gaines was killed when he refused to orally copulate White after several hours of torture. White slit Gaines's throat after he refused to perform the sex act. Porter pleaded guilty to the murder and received a life sentence; Murdoch received an 11 year state prison sentence as an accomplice to Gaines's murder.

Murdoch also testified during the trial that he was raped by

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EDITORIAL

Rikki Streicher

It still hurts to say goodbye to a dear and cherished old buddy. Someone who had actually passed over ten days prior, when something inside of you says that's it, and you try to make peace with yourself.

Rikki and I could never really place the year of our first meeting; it was either 1958 or 1959, and not really important in the meaning of the cosmos, so to speak, but to us it was a constant and never-ending conversation starter, now never to be finished.

This wonderful little bundle of joy and energy, always a delight for me, became one of my closest and dearest friends after we both worked in a funny bar and restaurant in Corte Madera, the "Captain's Room." It was a dress-up dyke joint. By this I mean women could not wear slacks, and it was great to watch little Ricker stand up to those towering women from Hamilton Air Force Base and send them back to dress properly. Believe it or not they obeyed her, changed clothes, and came back.

It was a time of innocence long gone. Even then Rikki took command and would put up with no crap from anyone. She had heard all the excuses. It was about this time that she teamed up with Gloria and soon got into the bar business on her own, first at Bradley's Corner and then across the street at a bar called Maud's.

Ah, Maud's was a place where she had to have male bartenders (believe it or not, it was the law), but men could not play pool on the premises. Years later we had a hell of a party when that law changed. It was about this time that Rikki became obsessed with women's sports. First the pool tournament, and then women's softball with a vengeance. Many were the early morning phone calls to con me into sandwiches or a buffet for her teams. She always seemed to have more than one going. It was a time of little or no money, but we all managed to get it together.

Rikki was one of the hardest working people I have ever known. It was rough for a woman in those days to run a women's bar. Many's the time friends chipped in to make sure the rent and bills were paid. I doubt if her customers ever knew how rough it really was. But God bless her, she persisted and succeeded. As her own fortunes grew, so did the fortunes of those who surrounded her. From her early days as an X-ray technician to her last days, she shared what little she had or gave generously when she had more to give. She gave unstintingly of her time and energy to those less fortunate than herself.

Rikki helped shape the Gay Games after its first board was burned out, and she helped to make the Federation what it is today. Every gay athlete in the world owes a word of thanks to this dynamic little bundle of energy.

As for myself, who was fortunate to call her friend, she was my mentor and closest confidant. I will remember the trips we took, her ever-present camera to record for all, and the wonderful life she led for herself and those around her. Rikki was a tireless worker for causes she believed in and an inspiration to all of us who knew her.

A ray of light was dimmed when she passed on. A ray of life that shall not be forgotten. To her closest women friends who sat with her in her final days, and to her partner Mary, she is not now, nor will ever be forgotten. In her own words, "Ah, and there you have it," may you find happiness in the arms of the Goddess.

As ever, your friend and co-conspirator in many an adventure,
Bob Ross



"Ah, and There You Have It ..."

GUEST OPINION

Happy Birthday, GodFather

by Chris Puccinelli
Chairperson, GodFather Service Fund

On August 27, 1994, something very special is going to happen here in our city. This evening is very special because a large group of people will be gathering at the Cathedral Hill Hotel to celebrate the tenth Anniversary of the GodFather Service Fund.

So, you say, "Who are they, and why should I care?" The GodFather Service Fund is a group of volunteers who attend to the special needs of those hospitalized with HIV/AIDS on a regular schedule. The GodFather Service Fund makes that special effort in assuring those hospitalized that they have a robe, slippers and everyday basics such as a toothbrush, toothpaste, shaving supplies, lotions, deodorant, comb and more. (These items are provided free of charge.) We hope that these personal-care products will help those hospitalized feel better about themselves. By having these items delivered, it shows them they are not alone and that their community cares.

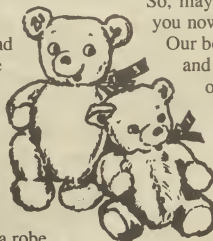
On the evening of August 27, 1994, the GodFather Service Fund is hosting an Appreciation Celebration. You see, the

GodFather Service Fund has no state, city, or federal funding. All of our money is raised from donations from private citizens and merchants in our community. With the generosity of sponsors, we are able to host an evening of thanks, and show our appreciation. There are so many people and merchants who have helped throughout the years, it is not possible to give a special thanks to everyone on stage. So, may I extend a heartfelt thank you to you now.

Our board of directors consists of 14 men and women who are active in different organizations within our community. This allows the board to hear many viewpoints within the community. These board members are all very alert, sensitive, caring, and loving people. They are all contributing their time as a "labor of love." The Board works well as a team, and I really wish to express my appreciation and thanks to each of you.

The GodFather Service Fund would like to extend a welcome to those who have volunteered, or donated to us over the years. Please join us on August 27, 1994, 8 p.m., at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, 1101 Van Ness Avenue, so we may thank you in person.

To everyone, thank you for being there when we needed you, and please join us. ▼



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LETTERS

After the Revolution

For the second time in a month, you treat us to a revealing article about the wonderful existence of gay people in Cuba. How excellent to read that a thriving drag performance culture has arisen. Learn to play the fool, the clown, or the freak and you will gain some acceptance at the periphery of society.

It is interesting to envision an America like "Quislings For Cuba" would like to give us: we could implement Cuba's admittedly effective policies against the transmission of HIV; mandatory testing of the whole population; accompanied by forced quarantine (see the documentary *Al Margen del Margen*, shown at the 1993 Film Festival); Jorge Cortines, Catherine Murphy *et al.* could find fulfilling new careers with the Ministry of Information or as "Block Wardens," reporting any anti-revolutionary activity to the authorities.

Eric Llana
San Francisco

Castro Gardens

I remember that at the beginning of the Cuban revolution Fidel Castro said to the world, when asked if it was a Communist revolution, that the Cuban revolution was not red but as green as the royal palms of Cuba.

He called gay people degenerates and many other words that I don't think are printable.

For money (and he needs it now!) he will sell his ass to the devil. The quotation that you printed is the biggest lie that can possibly be said by him.

Those two ladies who have been so nice carrying oversized high heel shoes and blonde wigs all the way to Havana should read *Before Night Falls* by Reynaldo Arenas and see the Cuban movie *Fresa y Chocolate*, winner of this year's Berlin Film Festival.

Ladies, read the book, see the film, and then write again about the Castro paradise. You can write all you want about the marvels of Cuba; I was born there, I have been there and saw what it is!

Pablo Oliva
San Francisco

Huffing and Puffing

It's time to wake up, folks; we all have habits we think are all right in our book, but not in society's.

Let me begin with my defense of cigarette smoking. Smoking is something I enjoy. I know it is not healthy for me, but neither is booze, overeating, suntanning, coffee drinking, sex, eating beef, pork, eggs, cookies, cakes, soda, watching television, etc. How many hypocritical non-smoking fanatics partake in any of the above?

Maybe the government should start regulating these other harmful habits too, like they're threatening to do with cigarettes. Remember, the next time you see me with a cigarette, to think about the other things that you yourselves do that aren't PC! In the meantime, LUSA (Leave Us Smokers Alone)!!!

James Jenkins
San Francisco

The Editor responds: If you're referring in any way to our recent editorial, "Don't Kiss Jesse's Butts," we didn't argue that cigarettes weren't wonderful, just that they provide a lot of Jesse Helms's power base.

A Brief History of Hell

Ken Clark's laundry list of what he doesn't like about Christianity ("Christian Names", 8/11), are not all supportable by fact and history. The most misleading statement he makes is: "Those who think Jesus was a 'loving savior' don't know the Bible. Any person who would introduce the concept of Hell ... is profoundly, terribly evil." Jesus did not "introduce the concept of hell." A little historical research would have revealed the following: In the earliest Old Testament times, all the dead, both righteous and wicked, were believed to go to Sheol, a gloomy underworld separated from God, i.e., it was the "last stop" for everyone. In about the second century, B.C. Pharisaic Judaism began to embrace the idea of the immortal soul and of Hades - the infernal netherworld of Greek mythology - as a place where all would be either rewarded or punished. Later, when the doctrine of a final resurrection surfaced in parts of Judaism, Hades developed into a temporary abode just for the souls

of the wicked, while the godly went to "heavenly blessedness" to await bodily resurrection. After the resurrection and final judgment, the wicked would be condemned to a hell of fire, called Gehenna, named after the Valley of Hinnom, easily visible south of Jerusalem, where trash fires burned constantly and where ancient human sacrifices were performed. Jesus is quoted in early Greek gospel texts as using both Gehenna and Hades to refer to hell.

As much as Jesus said about hell, he left enough unsaid so that his followers have been debating its nature, purpose, and duration ever since. Many of the early church leaders assumed a hot fiery hell of sensory punishment. Others thought it was more a place of spiritual suffering. In the 5th century, Augustine tidied things up by saying it was both. The Middle Ages saw virtually no change in the concept. Dante's fictional descriptions of the "Inferno" in *The Divine Comedy* (early 14th century) popularized a graphic imagery of tortured souls. Luther and Calvin viewed hell's punishments as eternal but figurative, the greatest conceivable torment being alienation from God. The 17th and 18th centuries saw a rebound of the idea of hell inflicting both physical and spiritual pain. The 20th century finds Christians as divided as ever on the concept.

A November 1990 Gallup survey of Protestants, Catholics, Evangelicals, and those of "No Religion" (the survey's categories) revealed that only 4%, 5%, 3% and 7% respectively believed in having an "excellent or good chance of going to hell." Interestingly enough, when Gallup categorized respondents as those who "attend church" and "nonmembers", the answers to the same questions were 3% and 7% respectively. So much for Mr. Clark's purported effect of a concept "which has been used for 2,000 years to terrorize children, make the sick miserable..."

I know that it is a badge of correctness to categorically debate anything and everything about religion (read Christianity) within the lesbian and gay communities. The sins of people of religion are manifold and will continue to be so. However, it is important to get the facts right when making a case for one's beliefs.

Jim McCre
Piedmont, CA

Testy, Testy

There seems to be an infestation of "The Editor responds" in your esteemed organ. While this editorial device can be used constructively to correct misapprehensions it is more often abused in order to get in the last word of an argument.

A prime example appeared in the issue of August 11 and came in a preachy response to Darr E. Sandberg's letter regarding the misuse of the term homophobia.

In it you wrote that "gay basher=repressed gay person." The notion is so ludicrous that I wondered if you had placed the phrase between inverted commas to denote irony?

Your comments concluded with the testy assertion that "the B.A.R. is not an organization but a newspaper" and with typical editorial impartiality drove home the sad little point that Sandberg's grammar is as faulty as ours.

"Hooray for the Editor!"

Mike Norton
San Francisco

Return of the P.C. Police

This is in response to Deborah Peifer's review of *Dagger: On Butch Women*. I can go along with the fact that she personally isn't into either Butch/Femme roles or S/M. But to say that's not what we're battling for? I thought that's exactly what we're fighting for - the right of lesbians - all women - to have the freedom to define themselves. I thought I was finally rid of the p.c. police I came out with in the early '70s!

Carol Seth
San Francisco

Save Our Children

For a large number of young Americans, school this year is likely to mean less information, more danger, more violence - and more death. Are gangs to blame? Drugs? No. It's all thanks to the U.S. Senate.

On August 1, 1994, the Senate voted to pass an education amendment sponsored by Senators Jesse Helms and Bob Smith that cuts federal funds to

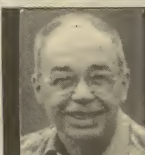
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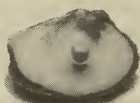
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LETTERS

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schools with programs "that have either the purpose or effect of encouraging homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative" and bans "counseling or other services on school grounds, or referral of a pupil to an organization that affirms a homosexual lifestyle." It is a direct assault on a fundamental aim of public education: the instruction of truth and tolerance in a safe environment.

School is often a horrifying place for gay and lesbian kids, who routinely suffer violent assaults, taunts, jeers, and harassment. More disturbing is that lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth commit suicide more often than any other group of young people. Research shows this is due to a barrage of negative societal messages about homosexuality.

Why will the Helms/Smith amendment make these tragedies worse? Because it will kill the educational efforts that can and do combat them.

School programs, like GLAAD's Project 21, teach bedrock American values: all people deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. A diverse nation functions best when we tolerate, understand, and appreciate difference. Prejudice and hate are wrong and have ugly consequences. This curriculum explicitly affirms the worth of all students, including those who happen to be lesbian, gay, or bisexual. It has thus proven critical in the fight against youth suicide, ignorance and bigotry of all kinds.

We urge all Americans to speak out for public education which promotes tolerance, truth, and a safe learning environment. Only with these ingredients will our children live in a society that is civil, decent and fair.

**Tom di Maria
Executive Director
Gay and Lesbian Alliance
Against Defamation
San Francisco Bay Area Chapter**

Living with Stigma

A few months back I wrote your guest editorial, "HIV=Death=Bullshit." Well, maybe in some very fundamental ways it does.

As I said before, I've been HIV+ for just over 12 years, own my own business, am extremely healthy and active. My lover of 14 years died four years ago.

In January of this year I met a man here in Sonoma County, and I fell in love, and I fell very hard. Eventually we, of course, had "the conversation" - i.e. HIV status. He was negative, I was not. Needless to say it did not work out. No matter what my beliefs might be about HIV, most people who are negative are of the mindset that HIV does equal death, no matter how long you've been healthy or how great you're doing now, ultimately you will be dead. Granted the statistics do tend to support that theory.

Quite recently I met another man, again the same scenario. I read classified ads in all the papers, the first thing mentioned is HIV status. HIV+ seeks same, HIV- seeks same.

Perhaps tattoos are in order. Maybe right dab in the middle of my fucking forehead, a black triangle with skull & crossbones! Oh Gee, do I sound embittered? Goddamned right. I am pissed off.

Perhaps something just a bit more low-key and tasteful (our strong suit, you know). Maybe a light pink plus or minus sign branded on our forearm.

Maybe the positives should live in half the state and the negatives in the other?

I had this discussion with a friend; his suggestion: say you've never been tested. I have a very difficult time with that because it's not honest, and without honesty as a basic premise, a relationship is worthless. He went on to say that you really have only the word of the person you've met, no proof is (yet) required of one's status. We carry no documentation, are not tattooed or branded (or are we?) That's not me. My word is who I am. My word and my honesty gets me little more than continued loneliness, unfulfillment and lack of intimate loving contact.

Healthy HIV+ in Sonoma County seeks same...

**Greg Seibert
Guerneville, CA**

Kudos to JACL

The following letter was sent to Carole Hayashino, Associate Director, Japanese American Citizens League:

Dear Ms. Hayashino,
I am writing to thank and congratulate your organization for taking a strong stance in support of same-sex marriages.

Having the Japanese American Citizens League on record recognizing and supporting the relation-

ships and rights of lesbians and gay men is certainly historic.

Your recognition of the role of lesbian and gay rights in the broader movement for civil and human rights is both encouraging and important to our success. I know that this resolution is tremendously important not only to Asian and Pacific lesbians and gays, but to our community nationwide.

We look forward to working with JACL on our shared goals and values for an inclusive America that recognizes diversity and the dignity and value of every individual. Again, thanks for your support of this great victory.

**Susan Leal
Member, Board of Supervisors**

Boxer In Our Corner

The following letter was sent to Senator Barbara Boxer:

Dear Senator Boxer:

Mobilization Against AIDS commends you on your recent vote in opposition to the Helms Amendment to the Appropriations bill of the Department of Agriculture. Your vote demonstrates your commitment to the civil rights of gay and lesbian Americans, as well as all Americans who experience discrimination in the work place. This is a sign of true leadership, and your efforts are much appreciated.

Mobilization Against AIDS believes that there is no coincidence that you and the other seven senators who voted against the Helms Amendment are also co-sponsors of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 1994 (ENDA). We are surprised and dismayed that some other ENDA co-sponsors voted in favor of the Helms Amendment.

As you are aware, legislation such as the Helms Amendment will be an obstacle to the implementation of any future legislation, including ENDA, that would bar discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Mobilization Against AIDS is aware that the struggle for the passage of ENDA will not be easy, and that it will encounter resistance from many of your colleagues who voted for the Helms Amendment. Hopefully the resolve of the other 22 Senators who co-sponsored ENDA will remain strong. You, however, Senator, have made your commitment to equality clear. Thank you.

The months ahead will be crucial ones for both ENDA and the rights of gay and lesbian Americans. We would like to thank you in advance for all of your hard work. Good luck.

**Mike Shriver
Executive Director,
Mobilization Against AIDS**

No Middle Ground

The following letter was sent to Senator Dianne Feinstein:

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I believe it is inappropriate for you to come to any segment of the lesbian and gay community for financial support in light of your recent vote for Senator Helms' amendment to the agriculture department authorization bill. You, of all people, should understand that the question of equal rights and fair treatment for lesbians and gays is not one that is susceptible of compromise. You are for us, 100 percent, or you are against us. On moral imperatives such as this one, there is no middle ground.

I am aware of your generally supportive record with respect to equal rights for lesbians and gays. Indeed, that makes your vote with Senator Helms all the more incomprehensible. It is doubly hurtful to lesbians and gays, and harmful to our cause, when someone like you lends her support to an avowed bigot like Senator Helms.

At this point, I may vote for you in November, although I shall certainly compare your record across the board with that of your opponent. However, given the fact that there are many other officeholders and office-seekers who are equally in need of financial support and whose support for our cause is absolute and unwavering, I believe it highly unlikely that I will find your campaign compelling enough to command my financial support, regardless of how much difficulty you suddenly find yourself in. In fact, I would suggest you turn for that to the people to whose biases you sought to pander by casting your recent vote.

Statesmen and women know better than to try to compromise on matters of fundamental human rights and decency. Smart politicians never forget who their friends are.

**John A.C. Gibson, Esq.
San Francisco**

DiFi, Sí! Rich Texas Guy, No!

A recent letter writer to the *Bay Area Reporter* criticized the paper in general and myself in particular for being "flacks" for Senator Dianne Feinstein. While it's true that I have known Dianne for over 20 years and, despite some differences, we're personal friends, as a political columnist I could probably use this entire space

Commentary

to make the case for Dianne Feinstein and list the reasons California's gay and lesbian community should support her.

However, it somehow seems a lot easier to make the case against her Republican opponent, Michael Huffington. While the senator has been an elected public servant for nearly 25 years (having first been elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1970), her GOP opponent first ran for office less than two years ago, after moving to California and becoming a registered voter here in 1991. After spending as much as \$6 million to "buy" the GOP nomination for Congress in the Santa Barbara area and winning the subsequent general election, the freshman congressman had barely been sworn in before he decided that he should be a U.S. senator.

Who is this man? What does he stand for? And most importantly, should California voters vote for him simply because his family can probably afford to put up as much as \$30 million to buy this political unknown a seat?

Huffington, who cannot point to one single piece of legislation with his name on it that became law during his term in D.C., claims to be pro-choice on abortion, yet has voted numerous times against pro-choice legislation. His Republican backers within the lesbian/gay community will tell you that he is sympathetic to gay rights, but nowhere in his record is there proof of that. Plus, Bob Dole and George Bush, two notoriously anti-gay Republicans, will be coming to California to campaign for him. Can Jesse Helms be far behind?

And what is Huff hiding when he adamantly refuses to release his personal income tax records? Feinstein has released hers going back to 1977.

Last week Huffington finally unveiled what he refers to as the "central theme" of his cam-

paign: a proposal that government welfare be replaced with private donations or "private philanthropy" as the candidate calls it. In a speech to a group of black Republican entrepreneurs in San Diego, the former Texan pushed his new plan that welfare be replaced with the generosity of the wealthy, saying that "I firmly believe that if we allow people to keep more of what they earn, they will begin taking responsibility for each other. I believe that if we give every American an incentive to give their time, their energy, their resources to help their fellow man, they will rise to the challenge."

In other words, Huffington apparently thinks that if the U.S. would only stop taxing



Dianne Feinstein

the rich, these wealthy people would then turn the money they saved in taxes over to help the nation's poor. This has to go down as one of the all-time pie-in-the-sky ideas. Perhaps the proposer could immediately kick off his plan by turning over the \$15 million he is expected to spend on his senate campaign to the state treasurer to buy food stamps and pay for housing for California's homeless. Not likely.

The Reverend George Walter Smith, one of the Republican ministers who hosted the San Diego event, commented that "people left here completely laughing. This man does not grasp the issues. People were completely disappointed with his total lack of understanding of the problems." (One might wonder what they expected from someone reportedly worth upwards of \$100 million.)

While I have sometimes disagreed with Dianne Feinstein, this woman has experience, intellect and a vision that Michael Huffington

could never hope to match. And like her or not, she does have a history of supporting the lesbian/gay community, is considered one of the brightest members of the Senate, and has a long record of public service.

Do we really want to replace a dedicated U.S. senator who knows her way around Washington, has more political clout there than any other first-term, and takes her job seriously, with a transplanted Texas oil megamillionaire who boasts that he will spend "whatever it takes" to get her seat? The "case for Dianne Feinstein" is as obvious as the one that can be made against her opponent. Plan to vote for her November 8.

Politics and people

Strange D.C. sight: NYC Republican Mayor Rudy Giuliani in Washington last week lobbying Democratic house members to vote for President Clinton's crime bill.

After attacking each other in speeches all day last week in the state capital, Kathleen Brown and Pete Wilson found themselves on the same commercial flight from Sacramento to L.A. Spotting the governor already in his seat, boarding passenger Brown remarked to him, "If this plane goes down, John Garamendi and Ron Unz will be eating their hearts out." (Unz and Garamendi, you'll recall, lost their gubernatorial primaries.) Brown's comment drew laughs from all on board, including Wilson.

Michael Fay redux? In Center Square, Pennsylvania (near Philadelphia), police officer Thomas Kern, 31, whipped the bare buttocks of an 18-year-old man he stopped for running a traffic light, officials say. Officer Kern has been fired and now faces assault charges.

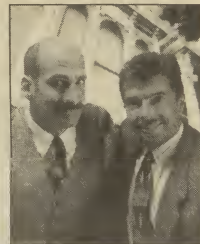
And a Jacksonville, Florida TV station last week suspended Jerry Falwell's *Old Time Gospel Hour* because of its sexual content. WTLV-TV General Manager Ken Tonning said some viewers complained about the TV preacher's explicit discussion of harassment allegations against President Clinton. ("Sexual content" from Jerry? He must be hanging out with Jimmy Swaggart.)

Pundits say there's another "lavender sweep" in the making, with Migden, Leal, and Ammiano winning Board seats in November while Leslie Katz and Lawrence Wong ascend to the Community College Board. ▼

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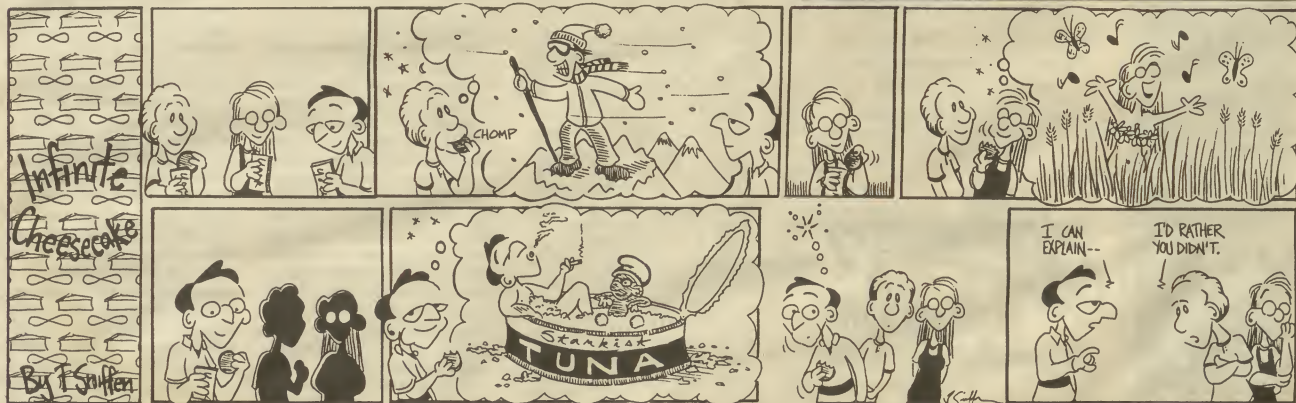
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Family Matters

by Nancy Boutillier

About a year ago, a phone call came my way from a photographer at *The Washington Post*. She was working on a book of portraits of gay men and lesbians and hoped I could help her contact some people who had appeared in articles I'd written. Admittedly, her connection to the *Post* carried credibility, but what I liked in her discussion of the project was the grassroots feel to her process — her sources were largely gay newspapers, newsletters, and word of mouth. Trusting credentials and motives, I helped her out. Then I filed away her phone number, planning to follow up her work if and when it reached the bookstores.

As it turns out, the photographs of Nancy Andrews have reached far more than the bookshelves. All 70 photographs from her book *Family: A Portrait of Gay and Lesbian America* (Harper, San Francisco, 1994) have been on display at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., for the past five weeks. A number of major newspapers like *The Washington Post*, *The Boston Globe*, and *The Los Angeles Times* have excerpted substantial portions of the book — photographs and text — allowing the images to reach millions of readers.

"My primary audience and the motivation behind the project was a younger version of myself," Andrews told me over the phone. "In 1985, when I realized I was gay, I had a hard time. My difficulty was in finding where I fit in. All of a sudden I was part of 'them,' and I had no image of what that was. I would have liked to have known then that gay men and lesbians could be anything, anyone — good and bad."

Expanded vision

It's hard not to have an expanded vision of gay and lesbian America after "meeting" the people in these photographs and reading their words. The black-and-white photographs are as varied in their tone, action, and texture as the individuals pictured. And that broad view of gay America "also helps older versions of myself, as well as the brothers, sisters, family members, and friends of people like me," said Andrews. "Photographers in the Washington area, with wire services, my colleagues — they are also seeing them, and seeing what is possible."

What Andrews shows to be possible is an "us" that lives up to the slogan "We Are Everywhere." As the book's title suggests, her metaphor is family, and she writes in her introduction: "Rejection by our families is often our greatest fear. If that rejection comes, gays turn to others like themselves to form a 'family.' But, just as in any family, relations aren't always smooth. Some branches are embarrassed or enraged by others. Lipstick lesbians don't want gay women to be portrayed as bull dykes. Even the less-than-pious would excommunicate members of ACT UP who disrupt cathedral Mass. The burly boxer doesn't want to be associated with the



Photo: Nancy Andrews

Friendly fowl: Kathy Kigin (left), Lenora Trussel, and their son, Sam, with his pet chicken, Big Bird.

drag queen. And the drag queen says individual freedom is what it's all about, honey."

Andrews makes room for each of these images and voices. "I don't think you can fit all gay people in a book, or even a set of books," she stated. The editing process kept out many pictures, people, and stories Andrews cherished. "If you're cutting and it hurts, then it's probably a good product," she said. "I tried to touch on things you don't usually see. You don't usually get to see pictures of a gay boxing club. You don't get to see a gay person over 50,

every story. She learned to rope while photographing a gay rodeo, though she admits her speed is "calf roping on foot" rather than "shoot-dogging." She explained that Alabama farmers Jean Mills and Carol Eichelberger suggested a photo with the chickens following them up the driveway at the end of the day. Andrews was doubtful about the prospect of chickens, until the image presented itself to her at the day's end. Sure enough, Jean and Carol appear, hand in hand, with a flock of chickens in tow.

The Digging Dykes of Decatur, members of a campy garden club that consults etiquette books from the 1920s, "are ecstatic" about their exposure. The club sent Andrews minutes from their most recent meeting which showed that they are demanding a dozen roses and a correction from *The LA Times* for reporting that they were from Illinois rather than Georgia.

Although Andrews has received her share of expected fire-and-brimstone hate mail, the feedback from participants has been rewarding. Many joined her at the Corcoran Gallery opening in July. "It was really festive," said Andrews. "A bunch of people were there — Chris, Ruth, Charles, Gean, the Congressmen..." she rattled off the names like they were old friends. Her parents were there signing books, too.

From family, at work, and in the community, Andrews found support for her project. "*The Post* was fabulous," she said, noting that the paper allowed her time off, even as a junior member of the staff. "I got a lot of help from a lot of people — friends of friends, people helping me find people. In San Francisco, Mimi McGurl with her dogs, Beebo and Mopsy, had never met me, but put me up for three weeks. It was so wonderful. I found there are people like Mimi all over the country."

Andrews discovered that the family metaphor fit not only the photographs, but also the connectedness she experienced. "I really found that we are like a family, like quarreling cousins. Some refused to be photographed. Some of the people in the book are well-known, and many others had never had their names in print. I think they did it because they feel that connection with other gay people. They did it for the younger versions of themselves. There's a time when I wouldn't have been in this

Commentary

much less one over 90."

Yet there's Ruth Ellis, framed by Andrews, riding her exercise bicycle. Ellis was born in 1899 and moved to Detroit in 1937 to be with her girlfriend, Babe Franklin.

The range of people is remarkable — switchboard operator, pastor, professor, ninth-generation Mainer, immigrant, concentration camp escapee — but if this description of the collection sounds like a list, don't be fooled. Andrews has clearly been touched by these people and their stories. She has matched breadth with a kind of focused depth. Between each photograph and the accompanying text is a clear view into some aspect of the person. It's a gift to see so fully into a slice of these lives.

Andrews herself seemed to speak about the people and their lives more often than the photographs. "I tried to anticipate what would make a good photograph. In some cases, I got a good picture and went back to get the interview," said Andrews. Some visits were organized, and often, one story or person led to another.

Lesbian Elvis

While San Francisco is well-represented, Andrews includes heartland images, urban ones, and what she calls reflections of America. "There are stockbrokers, farmers, politicians, and I have each of those. One of the images of America is Elvis. Elvis is America, and lesbians are Elvis, too!" Two lesbian Elvisses (Elvii?) made the final cut — one living in Florence, Mississippi, with a Graceland Mobile Home, complete with a built-in guitar Jacuzzi, and the other, San Francisco's own Elvis Herselvis, Leigh Crow.

Andrews has a story behind

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Another Weekend In Hell

experienced by
Jerry Sloan
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The Reclaiming America Conference, on January 21st to the 23rd, was attended by over 1,600 people, with such items on the agenda as the criminalization of abortion and homosexuality, the virtues of school vouchers, the perils of feminism, bidding for the Presidency, and so on down through the party line.

Although the majority appeared to be over 50, all ages were represented. The same could not be said of the ethnic make up: attendees were 99 percent white. The well-organized workshops, which unfortunately provided no time for questions from the audience, were led and attended by speakers that comprised a veritable *Who's Who* of the radical right:

- J. Danforth Quayle, Super Bowl TV commercial actor and former vice president of the United States;
- Gary Bauer, Family Research Council, former Reagan domestic policy advisor and undersecretary of education;
- Dr. David Barton, Wall-Builders, Inc.;
- Robert P. Dugan, National Association of Evangelicals, author of *Winning the New Civil War: Recapturing America's Values*;
- George Grant of Legacy Communications, Author of *Grand Illusions: The Legacy of Planned Parenthood and Bad Choices: A Look Inside Planned Parenthood*;
- Paul Jehle of the Plymouth Rock Foundation, a leader in the home schooling movement;
- Dee Jepsen of Enough Is Enough (pornography);
- Beverly LaHaye of Concerned Women of America;
- Kentucky State Senator Tim Philpot, Ford Philpot Ministries;
- Robert Simonds, National Association of Christian Educators and Citizens for Excellence in Education;
- Robert Skolrood of the National Legal Foundation;
- Sandra Trinca, Florida Kindergarten Council (OBE);
- Rus Walton, Plymouth Rock Foundation, a leading Christian Reconstructionist writer and political theorist.

Special emphasis was given to incorporating the Creation Studies Institute into the Reclaiming America Conference. A Sunday afternoon plenary session was devoted to creationism, with Dr. Gary Parker — a professor of biology at Clearwater Christian College — delivering a very serious, albeit sometimes unintentionally humorous, lecture on Creation Science.

On Sunday the Creation Science people had their display of artifacts, books, and bumper stickers on a table. Prominent among the books they were selling was the official magazine of the John Birch Society, *The New American* magazine. There was a very quiet JBS presence throughout the conference.

One of the speakers was Dr. David Barton, whose specialty is rewriting American history: in addition to the direct pipeline to God that all fundamentalists

claim to have, Barton also acts with the assurance of a man with a direct pipeline to the founding fathers of the United States: he "knows" everything they intended in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. He believes the wall of separation between church and state, as established by the founders and historic court decisions, is a "myth," and is very accomplished at twisting statements made by Madison, Jefferson, and the rest of the founders, to "prove" that this was intended to be a christian country, ruled by christians and intolerant of any other gnosticism.

One of Barton's more ludicrous books is about a George Washington about whom most of us have never heard: he claims that while Washington was in the thick of the battle leading his troops on the field during the French and Indian wars, no bullets could harm him — even though at the end of the battle numerous bullet holes were discovered in his coat. According to Barton, Washington became a legend among Native Americans, and this was a sign of Divine protection for Washington.

The highlight of the Reclaiming America Conference came during former Vice President Dan Quayle's address on family values at the Saturday night session. The highlight was not Danny boy's speech and his heart-rending pledge of allegiance to the christian flag — of course — but the very well-organized demonstration of about 1,000 people prior to and during his speech: a coalition of gays and lesbians, N.O.W., Democrats and Republicans and friends outside the church.

Across the street from the church about 20 neo-Nazis and skinheads showed up carrying Confederate and Nazi flags, baseball bats, and a bullhorn. They immediately started raging on the demonstrators. The conference attendees were delirious. They ran across the street with cameras rolling and started to interview the ragtag group. Sure enough, the skinheads said they were there to "stop this trash from marching in our streets," and "to support Pastor Kennedy and his stand against the fags."

As the fundies made their pact with the baseball bat-wielding thugs, the progressive demonstrators were orderly. And — since the pen is mightier than the sword — they had, instead of weapons, great signs that said "Hate Is Not a Family Value," "Straight, But Not Narrow" and "We're Fighting Back," among other slogans.

It's unlikely Kennedy intended to get hundreds of rainbow flags proudly waving in the Florida air, but that's exactly what he prompted. Even better, on Sunday morning the forces of equality upstaged the fundies: the *Ft. Lauderdale Sun Sentinel* ran a beautiful picture of the demonstrators on the front page proudly holding those flags and reminding thousands of readers that, as one sign put it, "We Live in a Democracy, Not a Theocracy."

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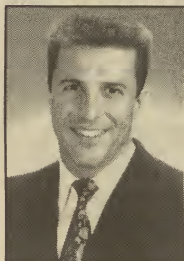
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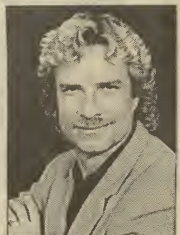
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RMC Lonestar Loses First Legal Battle

by Linda Hooper

Two lesbian employees of RMC Lonestar Cement of Davenport who are suing the company for employment discrimination and sexual harassment have succeeded in the first step of their legal battle: getting their case remanded to Santa Cruz Superior Court. "There is some intangible home court advantage when you feel something is being resolved in your own territory," said attorney Jennifer Drobac, who represents Charlene Clendenin and Susan Ampsoker in their suit.

According to Drobac, "Susan and Charlene wanted a jury of their peers, in their own community, to evaluate the case," and the remand means that all future legal proceedings will be held in nearby Santa Cruz - 90 miles from the office of Lonestar's San Francisco legal firm, instead of two blocks away.

The case was remanded by federal judge Charles A. Legge, who has in other cases ruled favorably for Lonestar. The company had argued that federal law determines all questions regarding employment, but Legge determined that some violations of state law, such as those alleged in the suit, are independent of federal law and collective bargaining agreements.

Coincidentally, Lonestar's attorneys lost the same argument some months ago while representing another Santa Cruz County quarry.

Now that the jurisdiction issue is resolved, the lawsuit will be served to the nearly 30 defendants. As professional process-servers is one of the many legal expenses of a lawsuit, local lesbian women have volunteered to



Photo: Linda Hooper

Charlene Clendenin (left) and Susan Ampsoker have won the first round in their fight against RMC Lonestar Cement.

perform personal service of the subpoenas. "A lot of the allegations in the suit are acts of violence against lesbians," Drobac said. "There is a poetry about lesbians serving the subpoenas."

This is not the first time local women have publicly supported Clendenin and Ampsoker. Last December, the Lesbian Avengers of San Francisco provided information on the case to Lonestar's industrial peers during the prestigious "Rock Products" national convention. The Lesbian Avengers of Santa Cruz provided the same information at the Davenport plant's gate during a high-profile tour by cement industry leaders.

Clendenin, a haul truck driver, and Ampsoker, now a lab technician, filed suit against RMC Lonestar Cement in July 1993, taking on one of the county's more powerful corporations. The women are alleging sexual harassment, intentional infliction of emotional distress, battery, wrongful termination, and violations of civil rights.

Ampsoker suffered almost daily humiliation while working as a janitor, she says. In addition to male co-workers who insisted on urinating in her

presence when she tried to close bathrooms for cleaning, there were also those who smeared the men's room walls with feces when she was due to clean, and men who taunted her with stories of their personal activities so explicit that other male co-workers were offended.

For Clendenin, narrowly escaping a potentially fatal "accident" - in which co-workers pushed a car-sized boulder off a ledge 30 feet above her truck - was just the latest incident in 14 years of threats, taunts, and harassment. In addition to other dangerous pranks in the quarry, Clendenin's co-workers spat at her, poked her, urinated on her car, and committed other acts of harassment. Both Clendenin and Ampsoker filed many grievances with Lonestar's management, but they say it ignored them and belittled them for making any complaint. Even their union, the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, has been named in the suit because it failed to pursue their grievances.

Clendenin was fired for insubordination last year when she sought help from an attorney. Ampsoker still works at the plant. ▼

A Memorial Is Born In Sonoma County

by Dennis Conkin

The Sonoma County AIDS Foundation and Santa Rosa's Church Of The Resurrection are collaborating to build the county's only memorial for residents who have died of the disease.

"The fact is that there is no place in the county for people to go if they wanted to visit a memorial for people who have died of AIDS," said SCAF spokesman John Voyles. "We needed a place where people can place a plaque and have a personal remembrance."

Voyles told the *Bay Area Reporter* that the idea for the memorial grew out of a recent trip to New York City for the Stonewall Celebration.

"There is an AIDS memorial in Greenwich Village at St. Veronica's," Voyles recalled. "When I came back here, I said, 'What's the possibility of doing something similar?' and everything fell into place."

"The Sonoma County AIDS Foundation recognized that there was no permanent or memorial place for so many who wanted to honor those they had lost to AIDS," Voyles said.

An estimated 600 people have died of AIDS in Sonoma County since the advent of the epidemic 12 years ago, he said.

The AIDS Memorial of Sonoma County will be located in the chapel of the Church Of The Resurrection. Memorial plaques, measuring 2 1/2 inches by 7/8 inches, can be purchased for \$25 each, which includes their placement on the wall and perpetual maintenance, Voyles said.

"The chapel is basically redwood. The logo for the memorial is a red ribbon in the shape of an infinity sign. The plaques are matte and brushed brass and will be placed on black laminate board.

"They really stand out," Voyles said.

The inaugural dedication of the AIDS Memorial is set for World AIDS Day, and will include an interfaith Celebration of Remembrance.

The architecture, design, and construction of the memorial were donated by local professionals.

Voyles said that the Church Of The Resurrection is a "service-oriented" Roman Catholic parish "very similar" to San Francisco's Most Holy Redeemer parish, which operates its own full service AIDS Support Group.

"Its members are much more attuned to social issues than they are hung up on authority issues," Voyles told the *Bay Area Reporter*. ▼

A brochure of the Sonoma County AIDS Memorial Grove is available.

For more information, contact Voyles at (707) 524-1997.

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Smoke

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cer or from AIDS, they should have access to any treatment that could ease their suffering."



Milton Marks

The mayor's office notes that last month the Clinton administration chose to uphold a ban on medicinal use of marijuana imposed in March, 1992 by President George Bush. Prior to that time, patients had been allowed to apply to the FDA for permission to use marijuana to ease their symptoms. Now only doctors taking part in certain federally approved research projects are able to dispense marijuana to their patients. ▼

Family

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book. That feeling of connectedness made the book possible."

And as one who read the book in a single sitting, I have to say that connectedness is what makes the whole collection even greater than the sum of the individual photographs and stories. "Things are serious, but I think Chris Rush [a mural artist and jewelry designer Andrews photographed in Tucson] said it best when he said that artists have to document the apocalypse, but he wanted to celebrate how wet, wild, and green life really is. He said, 'If you're gay you're supposed to be so burdened,

and I just feel my sexuality is completely funny and ridiculous."

"And then you turn the page," continued Andrews, "and there's [AIDS activist] Michael Petrelis, who spends his life yelling. You need both. We can't all exist constantly fighting. And then there's Susan Hester, who is running a cancer project named for her partner."

And you know that Andrews could go on and on telling stories of human dignity and passion.

And perhaps she will. "Photographing gay people will be my life's work, my calling," said Andrews, adding, "and there's all those people I never quite got to photograph this time around" ▼

White

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White at knife-point, and later pimped, but could not escape White's control because of threats made against his family.

After Gaines was murdered, Murdoch fled to Seattle, where he had lived before coming to San Francisco at the age of 17.

White was arrested on felony sodomy charges in 1984 near Salem, Oregon when Oregon State police stopped to see why White's car was pulled to the side of the road. A young

hitchhiker jumped out of the car and told police White was armed and had attempted to rape him.

Oregon police discovered that White was wanted for questioning in the murder of Gomez in September 1984.

White later confessed that he killed Gomez because he was enraged that the young man had left him.

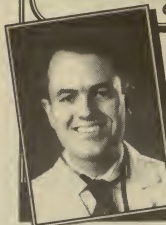
Tragically, the day before he was murdered Gomez had reconciled with his father during a fishing trip and was making preparations to return home to his family. After he had told his

father he was gay and had come to San Francisco because he needed to be around gay youth his age, Gomez had been assured by his father that he would not be rejected because of his sexual orientation.

In its denial of a reversal of the conviction, the court called the motion by the San Francisco Public Defender's Office "ludicrous."

The District Attorney had sought the death penalty in the case, but a special circumstances jury gave White life in prison without the possibility of parole. ▼

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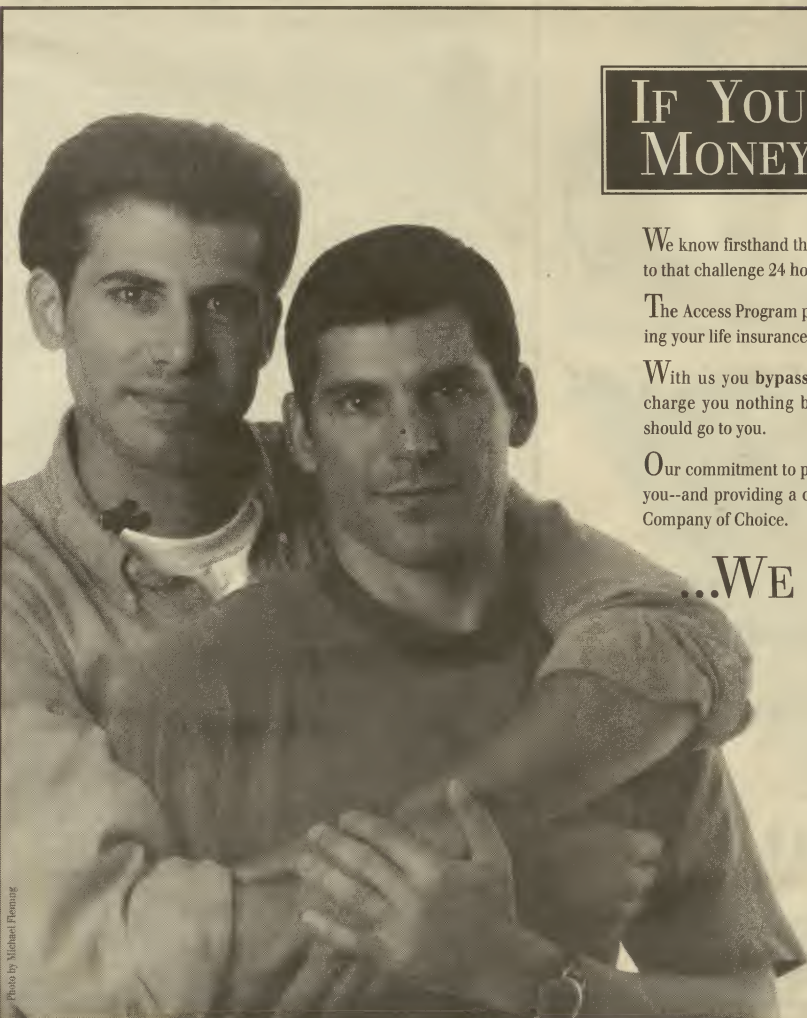


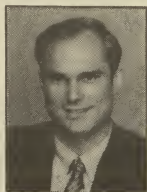
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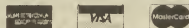
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NATIONAL NEWS



The UN Plaza at Civic Center, the birthplace almost 50 years ago
of what would later become the United Nations.

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Gays Appeal to U.N. for Human Rights Declaration

by Kent Brandley

"We, the peoples of the
United Nations, determined to

save succeeding generations
from the scourge of war, which
twice in our lifetime has
brought untold sorrow to
mankind, and to reaffirm faith
in fundamental human rights,
in the dignity and worth of the
human person, in the equal
right of men and women and of
nations large and small ... and
for these ends to practice toler-
ance and live together in peace
with one another as good
neighbors ... have resolved to
combine our efforts to accom-
plish these aims." (Preamble to
the Charter of the United
Nations June, 1945)

Almost 50 years ago, in the
waning days of the devastation
brought about by World War II,
the allies who had opposed
Hitler met in San Francisco and
gave birth to the United
Nations. The site of that historic
meeting was considered so
important it's now set in stone -
literally: bronze letters among
the bricks of
United Nations Plaza
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tor. It
might seem an
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hensible
babble to
most of the
pedestrians
who walk on
the words
every day -
but then, so does much of what
comes out of the U.N. itself
these days.

Now, with gays throughout
the world persecuted by fanat-
ics, a new campaign is under-
way to urge its General
Assembly to update equal
rights by adding "Sexual
Orientation" to Article II of the

U. N. Universal Declaration of
Human Rights.

The march on the United
Nations in New York on June
26 was the first step in demand-
ing worldwide human rights for
all gay people, backers say. The
next step is the postcard cam-
paign, from which organizers
hope to deliver a million cards
from gays, lesbians, bisexuals,
and their friends to the U.N.
General Assembly. The cards,
which will be delivered at its
opening session this fall, demand action.

"The time has come for the
United Nations to support the
rights of all the world's people,
including its gay, lesbian and
bisexual citizens," say printed
cards addressed to U. N.
Secretary General Boutros
Boutros-Ghali.

"We have mailed a total of
3.5 million cards to over 2,500
lesbian and gay organizations,"
Gil Silva of the U. N. Postcard
Campaign in New York told the
Bay Area Reporter.

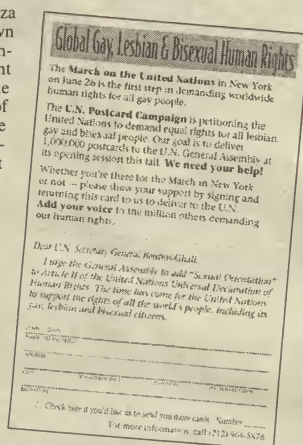
"We have also
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centers,"
Silva said.
"We still
have cards
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tion."

The re-
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about 1,000
a day, he
said, from as
far away as
San Juan,
Puerto Rico.

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Boston; Gays
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Discrimination in
Fort Lauderdale.

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No Family Value

by Al Kielwasser

An ad in the August 13 issue of *TV Guide* features "Luke," a WAL-MART sales associate, touting the store's line of video tapes. The young sales boy declares: "The best family videos reach out to kids, but have something the adults can enjoy, too."

In the ad, *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective* is among the eight "family videos" being pushed by WAL-MART. And what does *Ace Ventura* offer the kids? The film is a vapid opus to slapstick homophobia. At one point, Ace (played by Jim Carrey) "accidentally" kisses a man. Ace/Carrey reacts by taking a shower, vomiting, and using a toilet plunger on his mouth.

Comments on its "best family video" selection can be sent to WAL-MART Corporate Headquarters, 702 S.W. 8th St., Denton, VA, AR 72712, tel. 501-273-4000; copy your letter to the film's producer, Warner Bros. Pictures, 4000 Warner Blvd., Burbank, CA 91522, tel. 818-954-6000.

Educating Jesse

Hopefully, the U.S. Senate's biggest bigot — Jesse Helms — is wracked with convulsive terror over the news coming from a school board in his home state. The Chapel Hill-Carboro School Board voted on August 4 to include sexual orientation in the district's plans for diversity education. This new plan not only affirms the dignity of lesbian and gay persons, but calls for support staff for lesbian/gay students and families to be included in every school in the district. Such welcome efforts are essential in the continuing struggle to combat the virulent homophobia in textbooks, which reach a truly captive audience and rank among the most widely-read mass media in the country.

To support the effort in North Carolina, contact Ken Touw (Chair and author of the plan), Chapel Hill-Carboro School Board, Administrative Office — Lincoln Center, Merritt Mill Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516, tel. 919-967-8211.

He's Baaack...

Comedian Andrew Dice Clay — whose stand-up act is built on little more than sexist and homophobic ranting — will play a supporting role in the new NBC series, *The Ties That Bind*. The Warner Bros. production is executive produced by Peter Noah and Bruce Rasmussen, Warner Bros. Pictures, 4000 Warner Blvd., Burbank, CA 91522, tel. 818-954-6000. Copy your complaints to Warren Littlefield, President, 3000 W. Alameda Ave., Burbank, CA 91523, tel. 818-840-4444. And, as always, be sure to request a reply!

The Right Response

The *Journal of Hard Response* and *Freedom Writer* are two newsletters that provide resources for fighting the far right (or is it the far wrong?).

According to the editors, *Hard Response* is "dedicated to clobbering the right in as many avenues of creative expression as possible." The newsletter favors a satirical tone, and recent articles include "Diddle-Heads" (about xenophobia on the Lake County Florida school board) and "Pig Update" (about, of course, Rush Limbaugh).

Taking a more serious approach to the issues, *Freedom Writer* is published monthly by the Institute for First Amendment Studies. This useful resource provides "a hard look at the hard right," and the September issue includes numerous news updates and a feature essay on creationism in the public schools.

For more information, contact: *Hard Response*, P.O. Box 845, Seabrook, TX 77586, tel. 713-532-3324; *Freedom Writer*, Institute for First Amendment Studies, P.O. Box 589, Great Barrington, MA 01230, tel. 413-274-3786.

BBS Watch

"The Zone" is an on-line computer bulletin board system (BBS) for lesbian, gay and bisexual teens. Based in Los Angeles, the free service operates 24 hours a day. Connect at 213-731-0390.

Activities of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which regulates radio and television operations across the U.S., can be monitored through the on-line service "FCC World," tel. 202-887-5718.

Media Briefs

•A new lesbian magazine, *Lesbertaria*, has debuted in Brazil. For more information, contact Caixa Postal 01495-970, Sao Paulo SP, Brazil.

•In response to the homophobic hate film, *The Gay Agenda*, Atlanta-area media professionals are producing a short videotape intended to educate state legislators about gay/lesbian discrimination and civil rights issues. The production team is currently seeking people who have experienced harassment or discrimination to interview for the project. Contact "Voices Out Front," 2103 N. Decatur Rd., Suite 185, Decatur, GA 30033, tel. 404-734-2473.

•The August 8 issue of *People* magazine includes a feature on the Indigo Girls. The folk-rockers make passing references to the fact that they are lesbians and also announce their first movie, *Boys On The Side*, an upcoming AIDS drama starring Whoopi Goldberg.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Gay and Latin on Sixteenth Street Corridor

by Kent Brandle

Some like it hot — hot food, hot music, hot action. Gay San Franciscans who are so inclined frequently find themselves in the city's own Latin Quarter, the Mission District, where Sixteenth Street ebbs and flows with gay and lesbian activity as it runs through the mostly Hispanic neighborhood on its way to the Castro.

These days, area residents say, there is a renewed strength in the gay presence that has long been felt here. Call it a renaissance, or an emergence, but not a particularly recent trend, say those who know the street best.

In fact, the Sixteenth Street Corridor represents only one interesting and definable segment of the total emerging Latino/Latina gay/lesbian community. It is, however, the best known, and is likely to become even more so now that it has been recently documented in a lively new 30-minute color video called *Viva 16!*

Valentin Aguirre, 26, and Augie Robles, 28, compadres in videomaking, told the *B.A.R.* that they did not imagine when they began their color video how big a project it would turn out to be.

"A lot of gay young Latinos like to see a reflection of who they are, and find themselves on Sixteenth Street like I did when I was 19," says Aguirre. "And now I've lived, worked, and grown on Sixteenth Street, and I haven't left it yet."

It took them almost a year to film and edit *Viva 16!*, which they describe as "a short movie focusing on the queens, drag performers, and homeboys of San Francisco's gay Latino strip."

"For some people," Aguirre told the *Bay Area Reporter*, "Sixteenth Street is new; the history of it might actually say we're going through a renaissance and we're growing out. But that's where our roots remain for a lot of gay Latinos."

"As new gay Latinos arrive they might feel this is a new community, but there has been a gay Latino community here for over two decades, and what we're seeing is an emergence of gay Latinos."

Viva 16! premiered at the 18th International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival in June. It screened again July 28 at Esta Noche, a bar on Sixteenth where much of the action takes place. Another screening of the new video is set for Sunday, September 25 at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts as part of "Mission Possible," a program containing several works relating to the Mission District. It is part of Festival Cine Latino! produced by Cine Action.

"Our main focus now is to get it seen by as many people as possible — gay, Latino or otherwise," Aguirre said.

Aguirre and Robles are developing plans for several other videos. Each has one now in production and several in pre-production. "A lot of the Sixteenth Street footage was not used," Aguirre said. Out of 35 hours of footage, fewer than 30 minutes ended up in the video.

As for the worst critics of *Viva 16!*, that would be its creators. "We've been critical of it," said Aguirre. The primary focus of the movie is Chicanos — Mexican-Americans, Aguirre explained — and does not reflect much on other Latin countries such as Panama or Cuba. "It's not a blanket statement," he added. "This is our experience."

The video begins with a look at the culture and color of the Mission with Catholic churches and fruit vendors, then takes an interesting look at other facets of gay life on the Sixteenth Street Corridor, including a glimpse of the beginning of the Gay Latino Alliance (GALA). The video notes that the group mixed politics with pleasure.

The gay/lesbian Latino/Latina community, similar to other communities everywhere, has not always been united, even while frequently fighting for the same

goals. The bilingual "everyone was very

A familiar face Sandoval, a Latino past quarter century elder statesman in long been active ("Eagles" in Spanish) the growing organ-

described Sandoval clusters in the gay is executive director Resource Center statewide AIDS agency

"As a Chicano I and recalled that handsome young man desire "made me feel

However, Sandoval left out the rest of found a way to re-

metaphor, I love her prior and to defend the Church. We learn a

bia. I embrace them. I try to discard the others see Catholic a political edict.

Sandoval admits In those earlier Sixteenth Street, "of work [straight] life," Sandoval con-

The need for support but now what is needed. Sometimes it and this is no exception.

"Recently seven those affected by HIV have been overwhelmed of the epidemic, an Eduardo Morales, School of Professional

"In terms of San recent study shows higher prevalence other ethnic group.

"People know the to use it, and yet they Morales is also

designed to fight *Ambiente* is a relationship and County of San of high risk sexual men. Morales said the depth interviews. Funding for it will be

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Aguirre and Robles producing a video of \$10,000. But with tance by the Bay Area Robles was an inter-

video compadres a of pocket.

"We didn't make to make the movie and make it happen

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bilingual video indicates that sometimes was very testy with each other."

liar face in the video is that of Chris a Latino gay activist in San Francisco for the r century who is sometimes described as an sman in the gay Latino community; he has active in the gay/lesbian group *Aguilas* (n Spanish) and was master of ceremonies at g organization's latest banquet. One friend Sandoval as the bridge between the different the gay Latino/Latina community. Sandoval ve director of the Multi-Cultural AIDS Center of California, one of four major AIDS agencies in California.

hicano I was also a Catholic," Sandoval said, ed that when he went to church and saw the young men there, in spite of himself, his own de me feel like a pile of crap."

er, Sandoval told the *B.A.R.*, the film editing e rest of his statement, in which he said he ay to reconcile that. "If I use my mother as I love her deeply. She taught me to be a war- defend myself. Similarly it is true for Mother e learn about God and Love and homopho- face them and love them, and at the same time ard the negative dimension." He says he and Catholicism as a spiritual practice and not as edict.

l admits that his mother was also homophobic. e earlier days of gay San Francisco and gay Street, "we lived two or three lives. The life (straight), the secret life, and the *real* secret oval comments on the video.

ed for secrecy may have abated somewhat, hat is needed is safer sex to go with the free- times the good times lead to the bad times, no exception.

ly several California studies concerning ted by HIV indicate Latino gay/bisexual men overwhelmingly affected since the beginning emic, and they continue to be so," said Dr. Morales, associate professor of the California Professional Psychology (CSPP-Alameda). is of San Francisco *per se*," Morales said, "a y shows that Latino gay/bisexual men had a valence of unprotected anal sex than any c group."

know they should use a condom, they know how d yet they continue not to," Morales lamented.

is also director of *Ambiente*, an organization o fight the problem through education. s a relatively new program, funded by the City y of San Francisco, to try to reduce the relapse x sexual behavior among Latino gay/bisexual es said the program is being evaluated with in- views. The program began May 1 and current it will expire June 30, 1995.

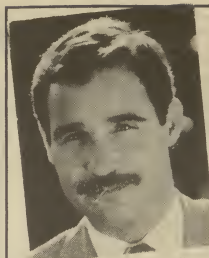
eo also offers a touching look at the late eyes, a distinguished man of the community, onors at the 1991 *Aguilas* awards banquet. make a commitment to ourselves to love our- yes said.

and Robles estimate the actual cost of pro- deo of this quality would normally be about ut with original music donated, with assis- e Bay Area Video Coalition (BAYC) where s an intern, and with help from *Aguilas*, the adres actually spent only about \$1,500 out

n't make it for money," they said; they did it e movie with the edict, "Let's get it out there t happen." ▼



Augie Robles (left) and Valentin Aguirre, co-directors of the video *Viva 16*, which looks at *la vida* of young gay Latinos on 16th Street.



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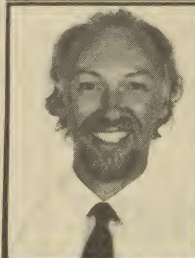
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Graykoski Replaces Porter at Spectrum

The Board of Directors of Marin County's Spectrum Center For Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns has appointed John Graykoski "as interim director." Graykoski is a former Catholic Charities executive with 20 years experience in managing non-profits agencies in Southern California and Marin County.

Marin's Executive Director of the Year, Graykoski is also on the Board of the Marin Interfaith Council. Graykoski replaces Veneta Porter, who left the agency last month after resigning because of a difference with the agency's board of directors. Porter guided the agency through a rough organizational transition that included funding cutbacks and program changes.

Former POH Exec Moves to 18th Street

Steve Burns has been appointed executive director of 18th Street Services, an outpatient substance abuse treatment service for gay and bisexual men. Burns, former executive director of Project Open Hand, resigned from that position in June after five years to care for his ailing partner Ralph Ascoli. Ascoli died in June.

Burns is a licensed clinical

psychologist. 18th Street Services has an annual budget of about \$1 million, and serves approximately 500 clients a year. Burns began on August 22 and replaced Frank Davis, who served in a volunteer capacity for three months. Davis, a onetime executive director of the agency, and former executive director Jerry De Jong are credited with bringing the agency into national prominence as a gay men's substance abuse treatment center.

Chico Pride Festivities Announced for September

The Chico Stonewall Alliance Center will hold the Chico Freedom Fest on Sunday, September 18.

"Freedom Fest - Stonewall 25" is the theme of the week-end-long celebration that begins at 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will feature Los Angeles-based lesbian folk/rock musician Becky Black and the Deja Blu Band. Five other musical acts will also perform throughout the day. Other stage performances include a drama by "Cosmic Travel Agency," a local performing arts group, and comedy by Diva.

Crafts, information booths, and a beer garden will also be available to the public. The event will be held in Chico's Bidwell Park. A pre-celebration Bingo Game will be held in the Chico Stonewall Alliance Center on September 17.

For more information, contact the Freedom Festival Committee at the Stonewall Alliance Center at (916) 893-3336. For recorded information contact (916) 893-3338.

Hastings Law Day

Law students, lawyers, law professors, and community activists will gather at the 24th National Law Day to discuss applying legal education to current issues of social justice. The all-day event is scheduled for Saturday September 19 at San Francisco's Hastings College Of The Law, located at 198 McAllister Street in the Tenderloin.

Arthur Kinoy, a noted people's lawyer and legal activist, will provide the keynote address. Kinoy's clients have included Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, the Chicago Seven, The Detroit White Panthers, and Fannie Lou Hamer, who led the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party's challenge to be seated as delegates at the 1964 Democratic National Convention. Legal and community activists will address issues involving labor unions, employ-

ment law, gay and lesbian legal issues, and other topics.

For more information contact Kass McMahon at (415) 285-5067.

St. John's Episcopal Church To Welcome New Rector

The Reverend David L. Norgard will be installed as the new rector of the Episcopal Church of St. John The Evangelist on Sunday September 11 at 4 p.m. A reception will follow the service.

St. John's is located at 15th and Julian Streets in the Mission District. Norgard most recently served as director of the Oasis, the Episcopal Church's ministry to lesbians and gays in New Jersey. Norgard, an openly gay man, played a significant role in the passage of New Jersey's gay rights laws, according to a press release from St. John's.

Norgard received a Master's in Divinity from Yale University in 1983 and was ordained a priest one year later. The Church of St. John the Evangelist was founded in 1857.

For more information call the church office at (415) 861-1436.

First Conference on AIDS and Ethnic Minorities

The first national conference for ethnic minorities on AIDS sponsored by the United States Public Health Service will be held September 15-18 at the Washington, DC Sheraton Woodley Park Hotel. During "Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges," the conference's title, participants will identify barriers to providing HIV services and solutions. They will also develop action plans to implement in their communities, according to a USPHS press release.

More than 1,000 community leaders including Asian-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, American Indians, and African-Americans are expected to attend the conference.

Topics will include prevention within ethnic and racial populations, including community planning, schools, incarcerated individuals, and gays and lesbians. Also on the discussion agenda are the needs for services and access to clinical trials and other research.

For more information contact The Department of Health and Human Services at (202) 690-6867.

— by Dennis Conkin

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One in Four Hawaiians Support Same-Sex Marriage

by Rene M. Astudillo

A recent poll shows that while the majority of Hawaii residents are opposed to legalizing same-sex marriage, a quarter of those surveyed expressed support for the relatively new gay equality issue. The poll of 800 respondents was taken by SMS Research and Marketing Services for *The Advertiser*, Honolulu's leading daily newspaper, and the local Channel 2 News.

To the question "Should Hawaii allow two people of the same sex to get married?" 68 percent said no, 24 percent said yes, and eight percent said they don't know or refused to answer. The survey had a margin of error of 3.5 percent.

Based on the responses to the survey, it was apparent that young people between 18-24 years old and Caucasians are more likely to favor a state-sanctioned marriage for same-sex couples, while males and Filipinos are more likely to oppose the idea.

With the campaigning for this November's election now in full gear, the issue of same-sex marriage is certain to be part of political debates. Of the major candidates running for top state and city positions, at least three have made known

their stand on this controversial issue. Lieutenant Governor Ben Cayetano, the likely Democratic candidate for governor, is known for his support for the local gay community. He went on record last June to say that "no one's dreams of housing, a secure job or the legal and economic benefits of marriage should be denied because of their race, sex, sexual orientation, age, color, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, or economic status." Cayetano is Filipino-American.

The Republican candidate for governor, Pat Saiki, has said that she does not favor same-sex marriage. Saiki continues to maintain a comfortable lead in most polls.

Another candidate who is openly supportive of gay and lesbian rights is Gary Gill, who is running for mayor of Honolulu. Gill had submitted testimony favoring same-sex marriage when the issue came before the state legislature earlier this year. Gill and his wife had participated as grand marshals in previous gay pride parades.

The issue of equal protection in marriage for same-sex couples goes back to court in April 1995. Last year's Hawaii Supreme Court ruling requiring the state to prove a "compelling interest" in maintaining the ban on same-sex marriage still stands. ▼

Cincinnati's Tourism Experts See Biz Drop After Anti-Gay Vote

United Press International

CINCINNATI - Now that a court ruling has prevented Cincinnati from enacting a provision similar to Colorado's Amendment 2, denying discrimination protection to its gay, lesbian, and bisexual residents, the head of its convention and visitors bureau has asked the city not to appeal.

Mike Wilson, president of the Greater Cincinnati Convention and Visitors Bureau, said he sent letters to city council members last week, asking them not to appeal a federal court ruling that overturned as unconstitutional a voter-approved ordinance denying housing and employment discrimination to homosexuals and bisexuals.

But two city councilmen, Todd Portune and Phil Heimlich, said they first want a legal opinion from the city solicitor's office.

Last November 2, Cincinnati voters approved the new law, known as Issue 3. On August 9, Cincinnati U.S. District Judge Arthur Spiegel struck it down, saying even a majority of voters cannot deny other citizens the rights protected by the U.S. Constitution.

Convention and Visitors Bureau officials were relieved after Spiegel's decision. Three conventions canceled plans to hold meetings in Cincinnati following voter approval of Issue 3, costing the Cincinnati area about \$20 million in revenue. Several other groups were reportedly considering selecting another city for their conventions.

Wilson is worried even more conventions might cancel if the city appeals the ruling.

"I understand Mr. Wilson's position, and I've seen letters from people who've pulled conventions out of the city because of Issue 3," Portune told the *Cincinnati Post*. "But that won't keep me from upholding my responsibilities under the city charter and my oath of office."

Heimlich said he would work under the assumption that the city has an obligation to appeal Spiegel's ruling unless he hears otherwise from the solicitor.

Sentiment among City Council members is split. Councilwoman Bobbie Sterne told the *Cincinnati Enquirer* earlier this month she was "delighted" with the decision, while Councilman Nick Vehr said he believes decisions such

as Spiegel's undermines voters' faith in the electoral process. ▼

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Car Theft

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Santos and Chan chased Melara as he ran back and forth across Market Street trying to elude capture and were joined by Harp, who drove the patrol car past the suspect and boxed him as a citizen, who has requested anonymity, tackled the suspect.

A police check revealed that the vehicle had been stolen on August 16 in

Sunnyvale. Several allegedly stolen license plates and registrations were also recovered from the car. In addition, a black bag full of hand tools and screwdrivers was seized when the car was searched. A bolt cutter was also recovered, according to the police report.

"It's a very big car. It's not very forgiving. I've seen people killed by them," Santos said. "He would have killed someone. He wasn't going to stop for anyone." ▼

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HEALTH NEWS

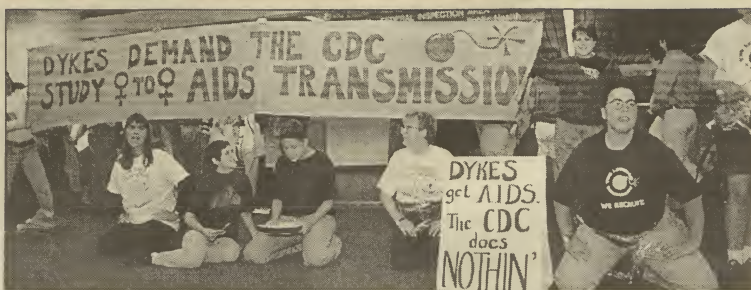


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The SF Lesbian Avengers disrupted passenger traffic at SF International Airport August 13 to protest the CDC's failure to address the issue of AIDS and lesbians. The CDC has an office at the airport.

Study

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the first three months of the study, the 18 lesbian couples — one partner of whom was HIV-positive, the other of whom was HIV-negative — kept a daily diary of their sexual activity, and visited the researchers' clinic monthly.

At each monthly visit, the researchers assessed the seronegative partner's risk of infection; they divided high-risk sexual activity into four categories: oral sex, "anal manipulation," sex during menses, and exchanging sex toys. Although a "large proportion" of the couples reported engaging in high-risk activities — particularly oral sex and exchanging sex toys — after six months of follow-up HIV antibody testing, no seronegative partner had converted.

During the time of the study, the seronegative partner did not

inject drugs or have sex with men, the researchers reported.

"There was no evidence of female-to-female transmission of HIV-1 during our study," Dr. Rateiri wrote. However, he did acknowledge that "further studies ... with greater sample size and longer follow-up are needed to confirm these results."

It is in those two areas — sample size and duration of follow-up — that critics say the study falls short.

"That you could take such a small number of women," Hollibaugh said, "study them for such a short period of time, drop in for six months, and then think that somehow you had reliable data to conclusively prove that transmission was impossible between two female partners — I don't think they would have used it to be so definitive for any other group of people."

More than a decade into the AIDS epidemic, a paucity of studies of female-to-female transmission exists. No research has been conducted by the Centers for Disease Control, which leaves people to rely primarily on anecdotal evidence rather than solid scientific research.

"One of the things I have a great concern about," said Young of the National Women and HIV/AIDS Project, "is that we continue to tell lesbians they're not at risk at all. But I don't believe I'm the only person who happens to know women who only have sex with other women, who are HIV-positive and have no other known risk factor."

Tom Skinner, a CDC spokesperson, said the agency acknowledges that some risk does indeed exist for woman-to-woman transmission of HIV. "The risk is low," Skinner said. "However, we have long recognized that HIV can be transmitted from woman to woman via oral sex."

The CDC does not provide any concrete information on what precautions lesbians can take to avoid becoming infected with HIV from a female partner, Skinner said.

"We don't have any information on any proven or effective interventions," Skinner said. "As far as items like dental dams and Saran Wrap ... there just is no research that looked at whether or not those are effective interventions."

"Women are really up a creek without a paddle," Hollibaugh said. "If we're not bringing to bed the information we need to make good decisions, then studies like [the one in Italy] don't help us."

It is precisely this lack of research that has prompted the Lesbian Avengers chapter in San Francisco to target the CDC. Direct actions against a CDC office there began last week, when three Avengers,

with their pelvises wrapped in Saran Wrap, unfurled a 20-foot-long banner reading, "Dykes demand the CDC study woman-to-woman AIDS transmission." The activists also shouted "CDC: We're outraged. You don't know shit about dykes and AIDS."

"We're encouraged to practice safe sex, and we're not 100 percent certain we need to," said Ruth Masterson of the San Francisco Lesbian Avengers. "The safe sex that is practiced is just rigged-up guessing what will be right."

Echoing the demands of other lesbian health advocates nationwide, the San Francisco Lesbian Avengers are calling on the CDC to conduct studies of woman-to-woman HIV transmission; to fund outreach prevention and education efforts for lesbians and bisexual women; and to revise its definition of "lesbian" — a definition that currently considers only women who have not had sex with a man since 1978 as lesbians.

The year 1978 is used, Skinner said, because that is the year public health officials believe HIV first began circulating in the U.S.

The San Francisco Department of Health last year published two studies of lesbians and bisexual women that underscored that a woman's behavior, not her sexual orientation, is what puts her at risk for HIV. Both studies found that significant numbers of women engaged in risky behavior.

One of the studies, "HIV Seroprevalence and Risk Behaviors Among Lesbians and Bisexual Women," found a three-times-higher rate of HIV infection among lesbian and bisexual women than among heterosexual women. The other study, "Health Behavior Among Lesbian and Bisexual Women," found a high rate of risky behavior, as well as a high rate of women — 84 percent — who agreed with the statement, "My sexual behavior keeps me at low risk for contracting HIV."

Although the studies addressed the fact that even self-identified lesbians do engage in high-risk behavior, including having sex with men and using injection drugs, the San Francisco research did not address the issue of woman-to-woman transmission of HIV.

Hollibaugh of GMHC said she advocates research into co-factors that may heighten the risk of HIV transmission between two women, such as the presence of a sexually transmitted disease or a yeast infection in one or both partners.

Hollibaugh said that co-factors have been involved in the cases of women she knows who she believes have been infected by a female sex partner.

"All of us are desperate for information," Hollibaugh said. ▼



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HEALTH BRIEFS

East Bay Company Helps Predict HIV Progression

EMERYVILLE, CALIFORNIA - Chiron Corporation is offering doctors a technology to measure HIV progression in patients. The method uses Chiron's branched DNA signal amplification technology, which might prove useful in predicting progression of HIV infection to AIDS and in monitoring changes in viral level in patients on antiviral therapy, studies show. To date, doctors have relied on such markers as levels of CD4 cells as indicators of disease progression and response to therapy. These, and symptomatic changes in patients, typically lag behind the increase in viral levels and their exclusive use may delay the start or change of treatment.

The testing service will be performed at a laboratory at Chiron's corporate headquarters.

- United Press International

Taylor's Daughter-in-Law Opens Women's HIV Facility

LAWNDALE, CALIFORNIA - Aileen Getty, former daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Taylor, is opening the first women's AIDS house in September, here.

This latest project of the Aileen Getty Women's Program is going to be named "The Dallas House," after an 8-year-old boy named Dallas whom Getty took into her home after his parents died of AIDS. Dallas recently died of the disease himself. Getty has three other women's homes on the drawing board.

Getty is the former wife of Taylor's son, Michael Wilding, and the mother of Liz's two grandsons, ages 10 and 11. She has been fighting her own battle with AIDS for over a year.

- United Press International

Woman Wins \$100,000 Award Over False-Positive HIV Test

COLUMBUS, OHIO - A Cincinnati woman has won a \$100,000 medical negligence lawsuit against the University of Cincinnati and Hoxworth Blood Center because of inaccurate HIV test results.

Andrea Beth Alfarano Kennedy was a nursing assistant at University Hospital in July 1990 when she accidentally stuck herself with a needle used to draw blood from a patient. Hospital policy required she be tested for HIV, and she was told on August 8, 1990, that two separate blood tests showed she had contracted the virus.

Alfarano Kennedy underwent a hysterectomy after being told she had contracted HIV; two later tests showed the August test results were incorrect and that Alfarano Kennedy was not HIV-positive.

In a decision announced August 16, Ohio Court of Claims Judge Dean Strausbaugh ruled University Hospital and Hoxworth caused Alfarano Kennedy's emotional distress, fear, and depression as a result of the incorrect test results, and that Alfarano Kennedy underwent the hysterectomy because she feared passing the virus to an unborn child.

- United Press International

Population Exceeds Earth's Capacity

The current human population - with no signs of slowing in its fast-paced expansion - already far exceeds Earth's carrying capacity. While the planet could comfortably host some 2 billion people, it is inhabited by more than 5 billion. What's to be done? Ecologists Paul Ehrlich of Stanford University and Gretchen Daily of the University of California, Berkeley, think they have the answer. They say a more equitable world would be a better world.

"Given present consumption patterns and technologies, the human population has already exceeded Earth's carrying capacity, yet it is projected to at least double in size before halting growth," they say.

"The prospect of further expansion of the population makes it essential that societies capitalize on our species' ingenuity and behavioral flexibility to create a sustainable human enterprise," they say. Otherwise, they warn, civilization may well collapse. They urge government policies promoting equity. As an example, they say, if women had the same access to jobs as men, the birth rate would drop.

- Lidia Wasowicz, UPI Science Writer

Gold

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AIDS treatment since the drug AZT was introduced, Tepperman and Elder said.

"It may sound like this idea is coming out of left field," Elder told the *Cincinnati Enquirer*. "But that may be what it takes for HIV."

Dicyanogold is a combination of gold and cyanide. Although it is found in gold-based arthritis drugs, it can be toxic. At prescription levels, side effects range from rashes to kidney damage in 30 percent of people who take the medicines. About one percent suffer bone marrow collapse.

Still, Tepperman and Elder say heavy metals are commonly used in medicine; platinum is used in chemotherapy to treat cancer, and silver is used in creams to treat serious burns.

Gold is ingested in other forms besides arthritis medicine. It is served as thin coat-

ings on gourmet pastries, and people even drink gold leaf floating in some liqueurs.

Tepperman and Elder have been studying gold-based arthritis drugs since 1981. They knew researchers in France had been studying them as a treatment for AIDS, but the U.C. pair discovered something the French didn't know.

They said the French tests never found a safe dose of the gold-based arthritis drugs, but U.C. tests last year showed a 20 parts per billion dose of dicyanogold cut in half the activity of an enzyme HIV uses to reproduce.

And Tepperman said arthritis patients have already safely absorbed up to six times as much dicyanogold.

Tepperman and Elder have been working on the gold idea since 1991, but they didn't seek publicity until the patent application was filed and their paper was presented because they wanted to prevent rival researchers from stealing their concept. ▼

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OBITUARIES

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March 1961 - July 1994

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Ron Candelaria

Dec. 15, 1946 - Aug. 4, 1994

With his loving and devoted sister Patricia at his side, Ron departed this life after a short struggle with AIDS. For many years a resident of San Francisco, he sang with the choir of Most Holy Redeemer Parish before moving to Newport Beach in 1990, where he was a benefits administrator.

Ron will be sadly missed by many friends in Northern and Southern California, and by his childhood friend, Morgan, in Denver. Ron is survived by his sister in Huntington Beach; father, Emilio; brother, Edward; aunt, Natalie; and many caring family members in Albuquerque, N.M., where a funeral mass was celebrated August 8. A memorial service in San Francisco will be held at a later date. His goodness and kindness shall follow us all the days of our lives. ▼

Curt T. Charles Sr.

March 31, 1952 - Aug. 13, 1994

Curt peacefully passed away on August 13 following a long, valiantly fought battle against AIDS. Curt, 42, was born in Troy, New York, and moved to San Francisco in 1985 with his lover and friend, Michael Smith.

His first job in San Francisco was with the SPCA, where he enjoyed his position as a customer service rep. Curt was hired by the City and County of San Francisco, and assisted in building the Department of Animal Care and Control, where he was employed as an animal control officer at the time of his death.

Curt is survived by Michael Smith, his lover of many years; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Charles; son, Curt Jr.; daughter, Leslie, all of Troy; and a great many loving friends and extended family members.

A life celebration is scheduled for a future date. ▼

Stephen Kim Falls

Jan. 5, 1954 - Aug. 18, 1994

Stephen came to the Bay Area in 1977. The beloved son of Arlene

Falls and the loving brother of Barbara Ritter, Janice Diller, Sandra Merking, Joe Falls and Randy Falls, he is also survived by many other loving family members and friends.

A native of Indiana, Stephen attended Bulkeley High School in Hartford, Conn., was awarded a scholarship and attended Southern Connecticut College and also Miami University for two years before coming to California. He excelled in swimming and won many awards and medals.

Stephen was a true free spirit, a vagabond and adventurer. He traveled the world over, leaving behind a long trail of people whose lives were enriched for having known him.

Stephen, you have reached the end of this most difficult journey called Life, and now most travel onward to be reunited with your companion and soul mate, Mort. For the end always marks the beginning, and it is comforting to know that one day we will all be together again. So long for now, Steve.

Services will be held Wednesday, August 31, 6-8 p.m., at 17-A States Street. Donations should be made to Project Open Hand. ▼

John E. Janeczko

Nov. 30, 1946 - Aug. 18, 1994

John died peacefully Thursday evening of AIDS-related lymphoma in San Francisco.

He was a very intense person, a strong leader who undertook everything with passion, integrity, energy, and a meticulous attention to detail.

As a devoted member of the California Eagles Motorcycle Club, John provided many ideas that shaped the club over the past eight years. He worked to develop a sense of family in the CEMC by taking on the role of "Club Daddy." In this capacity he worked to recognize and develop the potential of others, enhance camaraderie within the club, and promote its relationship with the community.

The CEMC was a springboard for John's service to the leather community at large as he reached out to inspire people in other clubs. John was his club's representative to the ICF, and he served as recording secretary for five years. He leaves a void that will be hard to fill.

John will be remembered, especially by his life partner, David R. Speer; father, Stanley F. Janeczko; aunt, Josephine Janeczko; and sister, Patricia Ann Kaiser. Hundreds of friends will miss his presence in the community.

John's life will be celebrated at a gathering at the San Francisco Eagle, 398 12th Street, on Saturday, September 10, at 6 p.m. ▼

William (Bill) Kessler

July 4, 1965 - July 16, 1994

Our friend Bill passed away in peace July 16. His friendship will be missed by all those he came in contact with. He is survived by his roommates, Walter and Dennis, and his parents, Barbara and Bob Kessler of Buffalo, N.Y. Many thanks to his Visiting Nurses and Hospice nurses, Cathy and Michelle. ▼

Alfred M. Campagna-Pinto ("CP")

Jan. 25, 1949 - July 15, 1994

CP died July 15 of AIDS-related lymphoma at age 45. He is survived by his partner, Thomas Koster; his parents, Dante and Marjorie; his sister, Diana Ruzic; his brothers, Leonard and Stephen; and other relatives and friends who loved him dearly.

Born in Boston, CP, a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, studied linguistics and South Asian languages and culture, majoring in development studies. His education included fellowships to India and Pakistan, where he spent several years, and graduate studies at the University of Pennsylvania. Upon returning to the Bay Area, he worked as a project leader in an investment technology firm.

CP was a talented cook and gardener, and maintained his love of travel throughout his life. His creative abilities and imagination were a joy to those who knew him, while the sensitivity of his spirit touched many deeply. An individual of great inner strength and determination, he fought against AIDS in himself and others with a courage that emphasized his love of life.

Contributions in his name may be made to either Project Inform or the Shanti Project, both in San Francisco, where he worked as a volunteer. ▼

John "JP" Stokvis

Sept. 30, 1953 - Aug. 17, 1994

John passed away with great dignity at SF General; his friend Jim was at his side.

John was born in the Netherlands and came to America with his family at age 5. He grew up in Colorado.

He accomplished a great deal since he was first diagnosed

HIV positive. He became a U.S. citizen in 1989. He graduated from the California Maritime Academy in 1991, worked shoreside for a while, and sailed as a third mate on various ships.

John was an avid skier and snow boarder. He loved to dance, especially to TV commercials with snappy rhythms.

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Selenium

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Using the computer, Dr. Will Taylor and his colleagues focused on regions that others have assumed were nonsense. These areas were not believed to be important in part because their protein-encoding messages are cut short by the "stop codons" that usually signal the end of a message.

"These genes contained codons, which usually means 'stop.' But it turns out that 'stop' doesn't always mean 'stop,'" Taylor said.

In the last decade, biologists have discovered that in special cases viruses can ignore the "stop" signal. When this happens, the sequence is no longer nonsense and can be translated into a protein. This has been shown to happen in human and bacterial cells. Taylor's group thinks this technique may also be at work in the case of HIV.

"For some reason, no one has seriously considered that this could go on in HIV," Taylor said.

The researchers propose that in the presence of a selenium-containing amino acid, the virus might make a protein that actually serves to repress its own replication. But when selenium levels fall off, the virus might turn on replication again and search out new sources for selenium.

In this scenario, "the virus is happy getting a certain amount of selenium, but when supplies are depleted, that would be a signal it is time to start replicating again and time to get out of the cell," Taylor said.

When this happens, the virus released from one cell could attack other healthy cells.

AIDS researchers have noted for some time

that AIDS and ARC patients commonly had low levels of selenium in their blood. People have assumed that the depletion was simply an indirect symptom of AIDS. Taylor suggests there might be a much more direct link between selenium and HIV.

"This is a truly exciting new discovery because it shows some new approaches with which we can possibly control viral replication," commented cancer researcher Gerhard Schrauzer, a professor emeritus of biochemistry at the University of California, San Diego.

"These genes that Dr. Taylor has seen require the trace element selenium, and as long as there is enough selenium around in the cells, the virus behaves itself. When the selenium is depleted, then the virus can switch into a high rate of replication and cause full-blown AIDS," Schrauzer said.

If "in the presence of selenium the virus loses pathogenicity — if selenium slows down the replication of the virus — then the consequences are truly fascinating, not just for HIV but for viral diseases in general," Schrauzer said.

Others think it is too early to tell what the significance of the findings will prove to be.

"We're wondering if the genes are real. We have been working with him on it, and it's an interesting idea. We have samples and the expertise to test them very quickly, so we'll find out from a practical sense" whether the genes are there, said Tom Folks, Chief of Retroviruses Diseases Branch at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

Folks is currently looking for evidence of the genes, in the form of protein, in blood samples taken from people with AIDS. If he finds it, it would go a long way to proving Taylor's theory. ▼

Streicher

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San Francisco Freedom Day Parade

She was also co-founder of the Federation of Gay Games, and wrote the by-laws and articles of incorporation for the group that chooses the annual location and oversees the international athletic meet. A life-long sports enthusiast, Streicher was perhaps best known for her commitment to women's pool and women's softball. She was inducted into the Gay Softball League's Hall of Fame in 1994.

Born in Toledo, Ohio on December 15, 1925, Streicher settled in San Francisco in the mid-1940s after a stint as a camera girl in Hollywood. In an interview for the 1994 Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day issue of the *Bay Area Reporter*, Streicher talked candidly about her life as an open lesbian during a time when, she said, there weren't many contemporary lesbian role models.

"There wasn't really anyone," she recalled. "There weren't any organizations. ... Starting out in the mid '40s you just sort of went along."

Streicher said that because women were needed in urban areas for the war effort, World War II was a major turning point in American lesbian history.

"Up 'til then if somebody left home for a strange place, you knew that it was just some terrible social reason forcing them to go," she said.

Streicher and Maud's were immortalized by filmmaker Paris Poirier in *Last Call At Maud's*, a moving documentary that detailed the importance of Streicher and Maud's in the lives of the bar's patrons and the life of the local lesbian community.

Earlier this year, Streicher was honored with a testimonial dinner at the Marines Memorial Building by an overflow crowd of supporters and well-wishers, including such prominent local officials as Supervisor Carole Migden and City Attorney Louise Renne, who saluted the trailblazer for her enormous contributions to the City and County of San Francisco and to the local lesbian and gay community.

She was also honored with the Tom Waddell Cup at the closing ceremonies of the Gay Games in New York in June, eight years after she literally carried the torch for the Gay Games ceremony in San Francisco in 1986.

Streicher is survived by her lover of 18 years, Mary Sanger.

A memorial service for Rikki Streicher will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday, September 11 at the Swedenborgian Church, located at 2101 Lyon Street.



Rikki Streicher, foreground left, marches in the San Francisco contingent at the opening of Gay Games IV.

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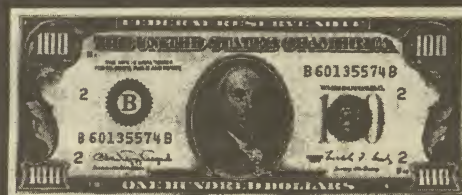
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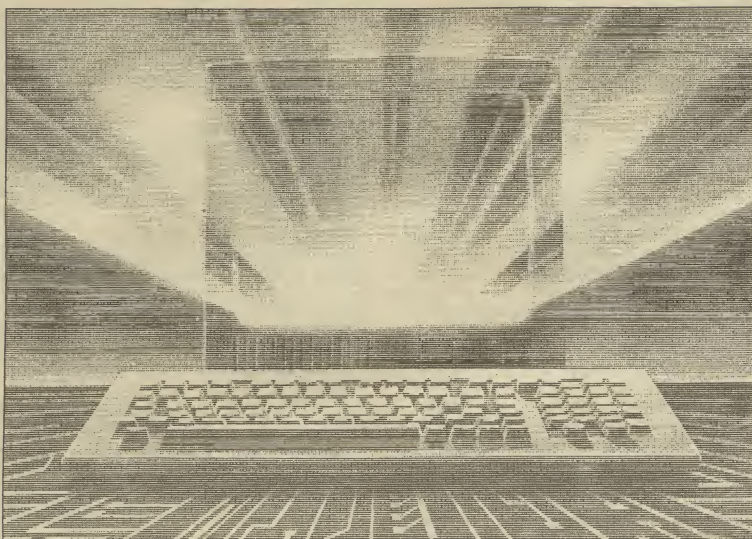
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NATIONAL NEWS



America Online Welcomes Gay America Online

by David Batterson

While the computer net Millennium Online is trying to capture a chunk of gay, lesbian, and bisexual computer users participating in online services, America Online (AOL) has already done so. This service now tops 800,000 users, and is still growing fast.

AOL doesn't have any gay publications online, but there are many articles that cover our community that can be found in *The New York Times* online, as well as in other publications. The 10 Percent forum on Millennium Online has been a major disappointment, both to users and to Millennium Online's management in Florida.

On AOL, there's a Gay and Lesbian Community Forum. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) makes use of AOL, both for e-mail purposes and for the dissemination of news and information. During the last election, Peri Jude Radecic and David M. Smith of NGLTF coordinated a "live-from-the-field interactive computer chat and reporting service."

During that project, participants from several cities around the U.S. — including Robert Bray in San Francisco — provided reports on what was happening in their communities.

Another very popular feature of AOL for G/L/B users are the "chat" forums. These allow individuals to type "live" messages back and forth in what are called "rooms." One such room is the Lambda Lounge. If users then want to continue the online communication in a private way, they can then exchange private e-mail. Or they can create a "private" room online, in which only they can enter and view what is being typed.

If you aren't quite sure of what goes on there, think of phone sex, but with a computer, modem and keyboard instead. It takes some fast fingers (especially on the keyboard), as many users find themselves typing with only one hand!

AOL's Internet Center provides fast and easy access to the Internet. Over the coming

months, America Online will expand the Internet Center to provide access to more features — while keeping the AOL "look and feel" that users are familiar with.

Besides e-mail to Internet users and to those on other commercial online services, you'll find Newsgroups, GOPHER, WAIS (Wide Area Information Server) databases and MOSAIC. World Wide Web (WWW) access is coming. There are a number of gay/lesbian Newsgroups on the Internet.

You'll also find *Zen and the Art of the Internet* online so you can browse chapters at leisure. The book is a "classic" on 'Net usage. Written by Brendan Kehoe, it's meant to be an orientation for the novice user of what's available on the Internet.

In the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) forum, you'll be able to keep up with social and legislative trends that impact the emerging info superhighway. You can read spirited discussions on issues like privacy, censorship, online communities, education, communications infrastructure, and regulation.

Also online is *Wired*, the "magazine of the Digital Generation" — covering interactive media, the networking community, and the toys of technology. In the *Wired* Magazine forum, you can read back issues, and participate in online discussion with the "Wired community" on AOL.

Mac and PC Telecommunications Forums provide message boards, software libraries, real-time conferences, and much more to help you learn about the world of electronic communities and the world beyond your desktop. In these forums, AOL users support each other in their interests in networking and BBSing.

Overall, AOL is the most gay-friendly online service. While gay-bashers still enter gay chat rooms on a daily basis, complaints against the troublemakers to the TOS (Terms Of Service) department on AOL can result in their losing their accounts after two warnings. ▼

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PCs and Macs owners can get the America Online software at major software retailers and bookstores, or by calling 800-827-6364.

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YOUR GAY RESORT DESTINATION FOR THE 1990'S

Trust Your Eyes

by Michael C. Botkin

A new study by some Harvard researchers reinforces the notion, long supported by casual observation, that there are about twice as many gay men as there are lesbian women in the United States. Meanwhile a different study, by a University of Maryland scientist, dealt a serious blow to the popular theory that gays and lesbians have "higher discretionary incomes" than heterosexuals. Neither conclusion surprises those of us who actually live in the queer community, but these studies may help inform the chronically myopic mainstream community.

The Harvard study — which found that 21.5 percent of men and 11.1 percent of women had experienced "homosexual behavior or attraction" since age 15 — is only the latest to find a two-fold difference between men and women regarding homosexuality. The first was the venerable Kinsey study of the 1950s which shocked the nation by reporting that ten percent of the population engaged in homosexual behavior. This figure was arrived at by averaging the figures for men (of whom 13 percent reported queer-sex contacts) and those for women (only six percent). Most subsequent research worthy of attention has reported similar proportions.

A quick stroll through any of the world's gay urban meccas suggests that the queer demi-monde is heavily male and that women are a distinct minority within the subculture. National gay and lesbian organizations and magazines, striving for gender parity on their mailing lists, have generally been unable to break the ceiling that appears to exist at about the one-third

tion reporting homosexual behavior. They were contrastingly distressed when an exit poll of national elections, which incidentally asked respondents their sexual orientation, reported that four percent declared themselves "gay, lesbian, or bisexual."

The earlier, lower figure doubtless resulted from the fact that subjects were interviewed in their homes, sometimes in the presence of their families, after detailed personal information (such as social security numbers, etc.) had already been given. The higher figure from the exit poll reflects both the relative anonymity of the survey and the post-voting aura of empowerment that perhaps encouraged queer respondents to be more aggressively honest with such personal information than they would be on most occasions.

A definitive, well-done national study on the issue — there haven't been any since Kinsey — would largely resolve this issue. But, conscious of where the truth lies, the conservatives have blocked such a study despite urgent calls for one by those concerned with stopping the spread of AIDS. When Truth is Queer, Ignorance is Bliss to their minds.

The Harvard study, based on work done by crack pollster Lou Harris as part of an AIDS information and attitude survey, put the sexually explicit questions at



the end of the questionnaire, and unlike the rest of it, this section was filled out privately by the respondent. In this tolerably safe setting, over one-fifth of the men and one-tenth of the women acknowledged having experienced queer desire in the recent past. Such a high figure will be hard for the homophobes to swallow, but it will be difficult for them to challenge the combined credentials of Lou Harris and Harvard.

De facto bonus

Despite their reluctance to encourage any honest investigation of deviant sexuality, the conservatives have delighted to use the gay community's own research against us. The much-banned assertion that queers have higher incomes, promoted by the gay market-research group Overlooked Opinions and other Lavender Dollarists, has been taken up by homophobes as proof of our privileged status and used to set us up as scapegoats for the anger of the poor.

The flaw in the higher income theory has always been in who it surveyed and who it compared them to. These samples were always drawn from pools of gay consumers, a cross section of the community's upper crust. These well-heeled guppies and luppies were then contrasted with a hypothetical "average American" derived from census statistics. Not too surprisingly, the gilded queers outearned the average Americans.

The University of Maryland study made a point of comparing queers with counterparts matched for age, education, occupation, marital status (I wonder how they calculated that one) and residence. They culled these subjects from annual national surveys done by the reputable (if generally pretty conservative) National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago. The questionnaire never mentioned "homosexuality" per se, but it did discreetly ask how many men or women respondents had slept with since age 18, making it possible to determine their sexual orientation when you matched up this question with their gender.

Eighty-one of the 1,700 fully employed subjects reported same-sex contact; that works out to about 4.8 percent of the

total, a figure comparable to the Harvard study. (The press reports don't say how many of those 81 were men and how many were women; I'll bet it breaks down along the same two-to-one ratio mentioned above). When queers were compared to non-queers from the common sample, it was found that homosexual men earn an average of 11 to 27 percent less than straights and lesbians earn five to 14 percent less.

These stats illuminate what most queers figured out years ago. Whatever the Lavender Dollarists promote, it's obvious that openly gay workers earn less than a heterosexual would in the same position. Tolerance of our sexuality is counted as a *de facto* bonus, a (usually) unspoken belief that we should be so thankful that they hired us at all that we won't have the effrontery to ask for a fair wage. And a one-fourth reduction in salary is a big bite; it gives some estimate of the cash value received for "passing" as straight and staying in the closet. The author of the study explicitly concludes that "gays need civil rights protection."

Ironically, women were discriminated against, on the average, only half as much. This is partly because lesbians are less visible, considered less threatening when they are visible, and accorded some extra status for their perceived butchness. Also, in the words of the study's author, "The main problem with lesbians is that they're women," meaning that they suffer more from gender discrimination than from homophobia.

The main conclusion to be drawn from both studies is simply to trust your eyes. When pollsters confute and contradict each other, turn to simple observation and common sense. Kinsey's ten percent figure makes sense; subsequent estimates putting gays at less than one percent of the population are flatly contradicted by the size of queer crowds at gay pride rallies and our semi-annual national gatherings. It's also obvious that there are more men than women in the gay community and that we earn less than our comparable heterosexual counterparts. It's nice when statistics catch up with reality; alas, it takes rather longer for mainstream opinion to accommodate the truth. ▼

Commentary

mark: women are always outnumbered by about two to one.

My theory is that women's sexuality is so repressed in general in this country that they are less likely to discover their own deviant desires than are men, who are after all relatively encouraged to notice, experience, and gratify their sexual impulses. However, the Harvard study is likely to encounter mainstream opposition because of the generally high numbers it found, rather than for any unexplained differences between the male and female rates.

When truth is queer

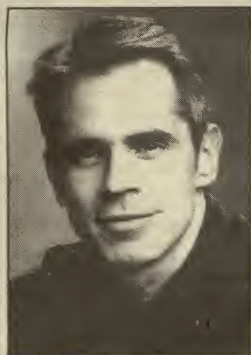
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Project Open Hand provides free home delivered hot meals and meals to go for anyone with symptomatic HIV diagnosis in San Francisco. Various ethnic and restricted diets available, as well as complete nutrition counseling. No waiting list. Call 1-800-551-MEAL.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Center Non-profit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS & other gynecological imbalances, Stop Smoking Clinic. Tues.-Fri., 1-6:30 pm, Sat. 9 am-3 pm. 861-4964.

Reiter's Syndrome: HIV+ patients seeking to form an information network sharing experience, treatments and symptoms, call 923-1560.

Sadhana Brothers is a fellowship of gay men who are practitioners of Hindu-based spiritual practices. Info: Ed at 647-4388.

Safer Sex Education 933 Harrison is available for Safer Sex Education workshops and community outreach programs at no charge to responsible community groups. Info: write to Community HIV Prevention Program, 933 Harrison, SF 94107.

SFSU Black Men's AIDS Study needs informal caregivers who are willing to be interviewed about stress and their methods to cope. Contact the Black Men's AIDS Study, Department of Psychology, SFSU, 1600 Holloway Ave., SF 94132. Call 338-2621.

Shanti Project's Latino Program: specifically serves Latino men, women, adolescents and children infected with and affected by HIV. Provides help with emotional peer counseling and practical support like shopping, cooking, cleaning, child care and medically-related transportation. For more information, call 864-CARE.

Single Payer Initiative: Kickoff for SF campaign to

pass Proposition 186 on Aug. 27, 2-4pm at the Women's Bldg., 3543 18th St.

Spectrum's Gay/Bisexual Men's Drop-In Rap Group: meets Aug. 31, 7:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., San Anselmo. Call Lea, 457-1115, ext. 201.

Substance Abuse Counseling for Lesbians and Gay Men at Operation Concern. Operation Recovery provides affordable, effective treatment. Drop-in groups: for women, 7-8 pm Mondays; for men, 7-8 pm Thursdays. For information/intake, call Jill, 626-7000 Ext. 199. Operation Concern 1853 Market (at Guerrero), SF.

Updates from the Yokohama AIDS Conference: (1) Town Meeting with Martin Delaney and Project Inform staff, free, Aug. 31, 7:30pm. UCSF Laurel Heights Auditorium, 3333 California. 558-8669. (2) Lecture on latest findings by Drs. William Owen and Donald Abrams, free, Aug. 31, 7pm. Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce. 565-6362.

Veterans Affairs Medical Center SF seeks volunteers to join its AIDS/ARC Volunteer Program. Volunteers visit patients in hospital and help in simple care tasks. Volunteers for AIDS Home Care and Phone Buddy Program are also needed. Contact Ronald Hunt, AIDS Volunteer Program Coordinator, VA Medical Center, 4150 Clement St., SF 94121, 750-2144.

Visiting Nurses and Hospice of San Francisco: Bereavement Group for Partners of People with AIDS and Multiple Loss Group forming. Call for information: 861-6959 ext. 501.

Women's Action Coalition is an open alliance of women committed to direct action on issues affecting the rights of all women. WAC meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 pm (women only), 1360 Mission St., Suite 200. WAC Hotline: 255-6352.

Women's Cancer Resource Center: Support, resource & advocacy group for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & doctors. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal workshop & more. 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.

Women's Equality Day Luncheon: SF NOW's political action committee luncheon, speakers include Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi. \$45. Aug. 26, 11:30 am. Gabbiano's Restaurant, Embarcadero. Call 861-8880.

Send Health and Community Listings to: Calendar Editor, Bay Area Reporter, 395 Ninth Street, San Francisco, CA 94103.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Feinstein

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further weaken the Mitchell bill, and "work to amend it to include all Americans."

The activists incorrectly charged in a press release that Feinstein had voted in favor of Senator Jesse Helms's amendment to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which would deny federal funds to any school district with a curriculum that teaches homosexuality is a positive lifestyle alternative, on August 1.

native, on August 1.

Feinstein did vote for a July 19 Helms amendment to a \$68 million Agriculture Appropriations bill that banned the United States Department of Agriculture from recruiting workers on the basis of sexual orientation. The amendment also forbade the use of the funds by employees to "embrace, accept, condone or celebrate homosexuality as a legitimate or normal lifestyle."

Feinstein's Washington D.C. office was not available for comment about the incident. ▼

Another First for California Domestic Partners Bill Squeaks By

by Kent Brandley

Whether you're gay or lesbian, or a senior citizen living with another unmarried senior for companionship, good news came out of the California Senate the evening of Tuesday, August 23. Senators voted 21-17 to approve a limited domestic partners bill.

The measure will now go back to the Assembly, where it narrowly passed in May, to iron out differences between the Assembly and Senate versions, and will then go to Governor Pete Wilson.

If Wilson signs it California would become the first state in the nation to legally recognize

domestic partners by allowing them to register with the state.

Wilson, in a tight election battle with Democrat Kathleen Brown, might veto the bill to avoid making conservative Republicans angry, observers say.

The bill, authored by Assemblyman Richard Katz, D-Sepulveda, attempts to address inequities in situations where domestic partners are not given the same treatment as spouses or family members, such as hospital visits, and grant greater legal standing in the bequeathing of property. It would not give legal recognition to same sex marriages and would not extend health benefits to partners.

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LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 188230

The following person is doing business as QUIXOTE WORLD COTTONS, 4400 Nineteenth St. #A San Francisco, CA 94114: JANET HENRY, 4400 Nineteenth St. #A, San Francisco, CA 94114, JAMES S. ANDERSON 414 East Ninth St., Davis, CA 95616, DONNA TRISKA, 4400 Nineteenth St. #A San Francisco, CA 94114. Registrants commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date July 25, 1994. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Signed JANET HENRY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on July 25, 1994.

August 25, September 1, 8, 15, 1994

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME FILE NO. 962854

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, in the matter of the application of DEBRA JANE KENDELL FARLEY for change of name. The application of DEBRA JANE KENDELL FARLEY for change of name, having been filed in court, and it appearing from said application that DEBRA JANE KENDELL FARLEY has filed an application proposing that HER name be changed to DEBRA JANE KENDELL. Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed that all persons interested in said matter do appear before this court in Department X-4 on the 6th day of October 1994 at 9 o'clock AM, of said day to show cause why the application for change of name should not be granted. It is further ordered that a copy of this Order should be published in the BAY AREA REPORTER, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in said county, at least once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the day of the hearing. Dated this 8th day of August, 1994.

August 18, 25, September 1, 8, 1994

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 188048

The following person is doing business as UNIQUE BEAUTY SALON, 3650 Irving Street San Francisco, CA 94122: NASEEF KARE, 1257 30th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122. Registrant commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date August 18, 1994. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed NASEEF KARE.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on July 18, 1994.

August 18, 25, September 1, 8, 1994

STATEMENT OF DAMAGES SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

CASE NUMBER: 955758
RACHEL COOKS AND HUSANI COOKS, A minor, by and Through His Guardian Ad Litem, RACHEL COOKS, Plaintiffs

ERNESTO V. D. BARRETTO, and DOES 1-10, Inclusive, Defendants

The nature and extent of damages claimed by plaintiffs, RACHEL COOKS and HUSANI COOKS, are as follows: Plaintiffs, RACHEL and HUSANI COOKS hereby notify Defendants that they seek medical special damages and incidental expenses in a sum of over \$10,000.00. Future medical damages and incidental expense in a sum over \$5,000.00. General damages in a sum over \$5,000.00. The Plaintiffs further seek prejudgment interest and costs as more fully set forth in the prayer in the complaint, whereby the Plaintiffs pray for judgment in said amounts and such other amount as may be deemed just and fair, under all the circumstances. Plaintiffs reserve the right to amend or supplement this notice at any time prior to trial.

DATED: OCTOBER 20, 1993

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ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS
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August 11, 18, 25, September 1, 1994

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 188484

The following person is doing business as GAY PSYCHOTHERAPY ASSOCIATES, 879 Fourteenth St. San Francisco, CA 94114. KIRK CLEMENTS HINMAN, 3321 Seventeenth St. San Francisco, CA 94114. MICHAEL ALLEN GRAVES, 73 Alpine Terrace San Francisco, CA 94117. MARC CHARLES WEINBERGER, 879 Fourteenth St. San Francisco, CA 94114. Registrants commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date August 2, 1994. This business is conducted by an unincorporated association other than a partnership. Signed KIRK HINMAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on August 2, 1994.

August 11, 18, 25, September 1, 1994

Many people questioned the bill "as one that would try to promote gays and lesbians," as Democratic Senator Henry Mello of Watsonville put it. But Mello insisted the bill was of more benefit to widowed senior citizens who live together and prefer not to get married because their Social Security or pension benefits would then be cut. In fact, some of the most active lobbying for the bill came from seniors.

In Tuesday's see-saw Senate battle, Democrat Leroy Greene of Carmichael cast the deciding vote, despite recent gall bladder surgery. The measure was stalled for most of the day at 20 "aye" and 16 "no" votes. ▼

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 188727

The following person is doing business as KIKI and KIKI GALLERY, 483 Fourteenth St. San Francisco, CA 94103: RICHARD C. JACOBSEN, 17 Prosper St., San Francisco, CA 94114. Registrant commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date August 10, 1994. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed RICHARD C. JACOBSEN.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on August 10, 1994.
August 18, 25, September 1, 8, 1994

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 188965

The following person is doing business as CARD BOARD CASKET COMPANY, 25 Corwin St. #9 San Francisco, CA 94114: RICHARD VAUGHAN MATHESON, 25 Corwin St. #9 San Francisco, CA 94114. Registrant(s) commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date August 17, 1994. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed RICHARD MATHESON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on August 17, 1994.
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Burnt To A Crisp

by Jerry Metzker

Tony Vaguely in *Burnt Offerings*

The 1976 film *Burnt Offerings* is probably remembered most as a film in which the viewer constantly wonders, "What is Bette Davis doing in this terrible film?" Had the great film actress, the one who was sued by her own film studio for refusing to act in films she thought were stupid, finally succumbed to playing a twisted drag queen caricature of herself to make a buck? As Aunt Elizabeth, an energetic and kindly, if not slightly strange, old woman taken by her nephew (Oliver Reed) and his wife (Karen Black) to a haunted house, Davis plays each scene in the film as if she were in a hurry to get back to the air-conditioned comfort of her trailer.

In the film, Marian (Black) and Ben (Reed), rent a mansion for a summer in the country, but once they move their son and Aunt Elizabeth in, the house begins to warp their personalities and drain their precious life energies.

In *Burnt Offerings*:

The Play, the latest brainchild of the Sick and Twisted Players, writer/director Tony Vaguely transfers the film to the stage casting himself as the spacey Marian (milking more melodramatic pathos out of a Karen Black impersonation than almost seems possible). Jordan plays the high-strung Ben. Lee Minors, in boy drag, plays their energetic 12-year-old son Davy, and Timmy Spence dons the role played by Davis. Actually, Spence dispenses with Aunt Elizabeth altogether to play your typical drag Davis. (Is there a Bette Davis training school for aspiring Davis impersonators?)

Clueless

It is not unusual in a Tony Vaguely production for the actors to miss lines, giggle here and there, or forget what comes next. This is all part of the amateurish fun of Sick and Twisted shows, but in this case, the actors seem positively clueless. For the most part the cast just seems to be going through the motions.

I suppose it's to be expected that the Sick and Twisted Players, an ensemble as savvy as they are prolific, would eventually produce a

stinker. And this show certainly meets the required criteria. But the production's biggest weakness isn't so much the cast or the direction, but the film from which it's derived. Isn't it obvious that *Burnt Offerings* isn't the least bit interesting to begin with? Add to that the fact that the Sick and Twisted Players recently closed a terrific rendition of *The Poseidon Adventure* and are now preparing for an October production of the horror classic *The Omen*, and the end result is a taxed and dull *Burnt Offerings*. Heck, the actors didn't even look like they were having fun.

Only Birdie-Bob Watt, who plays the evil landlady Roz, who lures the family into the mansion, has any life. Unfortunately she only has a couple of short scenes. The Sick and Twisted Players don't quite cut the mustard with this one, but even Bette Davis couldn't make this turkey work. ▼

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Interview with Lillian Faderman

Deeper Into Lesbian Love

by Claudia Steinberg

Informally, Lillian Faderman began the research for her new book *Chloe Plus Olivia - An Anthology of Lesbian Literature from the Seventeenth Century to the Present* in 1956. By then, at the age of 16, she had grown tired of the 25 cent pulp novels about odd girls and twilight lovers she was used to buying at an LA drugstore and devouring in search of erotic heroines. Their inevitably unhappy

endings by suicide or rescue by a man on which their redeeming social value depended for justifying descriptive scenes otherwise unacceptable to the censors had become depressing. She was starved for good books about her kind of love and started scanning the centuries for lesbian poems and prose. The first scholarly results of her research appeared 20 years later in her book *Surpassing the Love of Men*, about romantic relationships between women from the

Renaissance to our times. Her current 800-page volume is intended as "a sort of *Norton Anthology* of lesbian literature" — comprehensive, not just chronological, and organized around certain recurring themes.

In a recent conversation with Faderman in New York, she talked about her book, and her life as one of today's most prominent lesbian authors. Her years in academe

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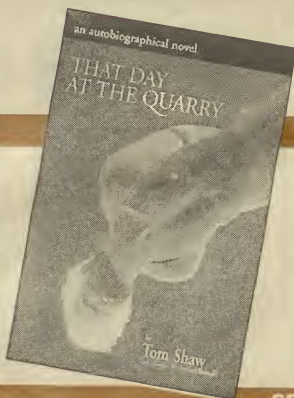


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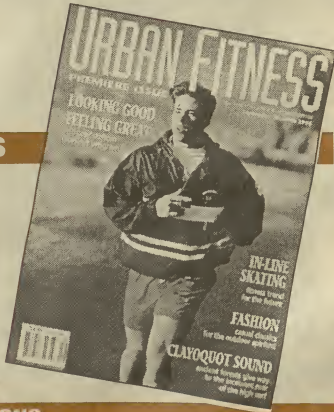
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OUT THERE

by Alva Nidnacs

Harmless speculation, catty chit-chat, third generation fact—call it what you will, but there's no denying that gossip is the Esperanto of queer culture. That's our story, anyway, and someone who shares this opinion is ex-Brit and SF personality poet **Thom Gunn**, profiled in last week's *L.A. Times*. "I'm

the soul of indiscretion," admits Gunn, and a million heads nod in synchronicity throughout the Bay Area. At Out There, we like to think of ourselves as something more fleshy, more Fabio—the hunk of indiscretion, perhaps.

Ab Crunches: While gossip may be the standard San Francisco vernacular, in Britain

it's *Ab Fab* vocab. Queens tells us that you can't go to any club in England without hearing a million cries of "Sweetie" or "LaCroix, darling, it's LaCroix!" Now that even Herb Caen has gotten hold of *Absolutely Fabulous*, Out There thinks it's time to move on. That, however, hasn't stopped LA fans from making the **Pet Shop Boys** *Ab Fab* dance single number one on the import list at Virgin's Sunset Boulevard store.

Hey, Card-Carrying Faggot: Challenging *S.F. Weekly's* **Dan Savage** is not all that **GLAAD/SFBA** has been busy with recently. Out There hears that **Visa** sent GLAAD a rough-cut of a new TV ad, due to air soon. The comic set-up involves a married man mistaking a German tourist for his wife. The confused but flattered German is, of course, a guy. GLAAD okayed the ad. Hey, who says multinational corporations can't be hip, nineties, cutting edge?

Move Over, Heather: But what will GLAAD make of *Melrose Place's* new development? Insufferably sexless and anodyne white gay cipher **Matt** experiences a character change in the upcoming new season. No, he doesn't turn straight—he turns evil. What, like **Drew Barrymore** in *Poison Ivy* evil, or **Jesse Helms**?

The new **Melissa Etheridge** "I'm the Only One" video feels like *Claire Of The Moon* meets

Playboy After Dark. Two fem-mey babes dancing while hunky guy watches. The hot finale? The boy gets the girl. Meanwhile, at Muffdive, where real lesbians may be found on Sunday nights, the girls are starting a new craze: having sex in the men's room. It's true: just ask the door person.

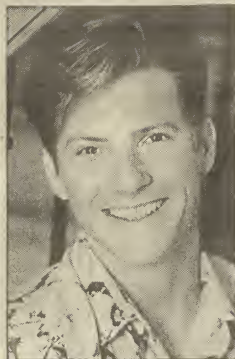
That's Their Story, And We're Sticking To It: Talking of gender play, two prominent but sadly struggling showbiz types (one ex-late night talk show host, one ex-top box office star) were recently seen cruising LA bars for chicks-with-dicks or just any man in a dress, so long as they were, er, available. Doubtless this is just research for a new joint project, which we look forward to reading about in a **Liz Smith** column really, really soon.

The same ex-talk show host has recently been romantically linked with a prominent black filmmaker. We don't believe it at all, but one insider reports this from a personal encounter: "He gave off waves of gay energy." Yeah, so does **Richard Simmons**, but that doesn't mean a thing, does it?

Son, I Have Something To Tell You: *The New Yorker* review of *Loving Garbo* gives the dirt on Greta's queer affair with **Cecil Beaton**. Reveling in Garbo's boy identity, Beaton writes to her, "Dear Youth, Have you yet learnt how to use a razor? Have you got to the age when you wear long pants and a dinner jacket in the evening? Has your voice started to break yet?"

Keep Taking The Testosterone And Call Me If It Gets Any Bigger: According to *Entertainment Weekly*, Hollywood is now transgender-friendly. "Industry observers believe that if *Mrs. Doubtfire* and *The Crying Game* [and *Priscilla, Queen Of The Desert*] can be successful, then there's plenty of room for movies that explore sexual identity." Oh, so that's what *Mrs. Doubtfire* was about. Expect news soon about **Robin Williams** (before) and **Jamie Lee Curtis** (after) in a remake of *The Christine Jorgenson Story*.

Another person whose next film involves a lot of fabulous outfits is *Sex is...* director **Marc Huestis**, who was so inspired by seeing the restored version of *Spartacus* at the Castro Theatre last week, he immediately announced plans to make the world's first queer biblical epic. *The Rise And Fall And First*



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Garbo: Beaton's boy?



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Speaking of oysters, that reminds us of a story about **Tony Curtis**, but that will have to wait for another time. ▼

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Diviana's 'Thru Our Blood'



Diviana Ingravallo

Performance artist Diviana Ingravallo presents her latest performance piece *Thru Our Blood* at Josie's, Sept 1-4 (8 p.m.). *Thru Our Blood* brings together the work of Ingravallo and choreographer David Rousseve to create an intimate journal of Ingravallo's journey through drugs, marriage, and the AIDS epidemic. Other collaborators include lighting designer Nicole Warner and composer Vicki Randle. For tickets and information, call 861-7933.

'Happy Hands' at the Victoria Room

Fetish Furniture

by Roberto Friedman

Busy hands are happy hands, but idle hands are the devil's workshop. The old saw is an unlikely title inspiration for an exhibition of fetishistic art, but "Happy Hands," which opened last week at the Victoria Room, reveals in just such playful perversity. Curated by V Room founder Michael Damm, the show brings together works by three artists concerned with the body, sexual function, and materials—such as rubber, silicone and bondage apparatuses—with a definite kink.

Artist Luther T told me when he heard Damm's title choice his first thought was masturbation. In fact, there is a good deal of spilled seed on the gallery floor, but it takes the form of giant soft sculpture. Luther creates large-scale interactive "toys," and the centerpiece of this show is certainly his *Slingshot*, a construction in rubber and steel which looks like an attraction in a sex club dungeon. Pull the center all the way back on its springs, load in a "pillow spermie" and shoot! With a little practice you should be able to lob one right into the "uterine target" mounted on the wall.

The artist wants to humanize the currently chic domain of "interactive" sculpture and installation, reclaim the term from its immersion in electronics and computer-based art. His works are simpler, more elegant than any virtual reality, video monitor, high-tech construction, and they force the viewer to use parts of her or his body other than the fingertip pushing a button. *Plug*, for example, is an ocean buoy suspended suggestively above a ring of vent tubing. When you pull a steel ring connected by pulleys and a rope, the buoy plunges into the hole. Sexual. *Contemplation* is an altered chair, with velvet covered stones hanging in a fabric pouch, down through a hole in the seat. The sense, in Luther T's work, of a cavity needing to be filled is strong: his *Stuff*, for example, is an anonymous stuffed fabric being, its one distinctive feature a sort of all-purpose orifice. Remind you of anyone you know?

Bunny humiliation

The adorable velveteen rabbits in Michelle Rollman's *oeuvre* also have pussies, in most cases, but hers are stuffed animals living in a dark, dark world. Rollman is a master of a certain blend of childlike innocence and sadistic torment. Her long-suffering bunnies, lovingly made and painstakingly crafted, are subjected to all manner of indignity: manacled and bound to the wall, or lynched atop a tricycle. In *Velveteen Rabbits Disguised as Real Rabbits*, three real rabbit faces and sets of sewn paws hang miserably in a pillory.

Playful with a sinister edge, Rollman's creations remind one of the real humiliations and psychological tortures of childhood, that supposedly carefree cycle of life. Her *Velveteen Rabbit/Dunce* (*Anxious Times*) sits on a wooden stool, its limbs disturbingly rearranged. The

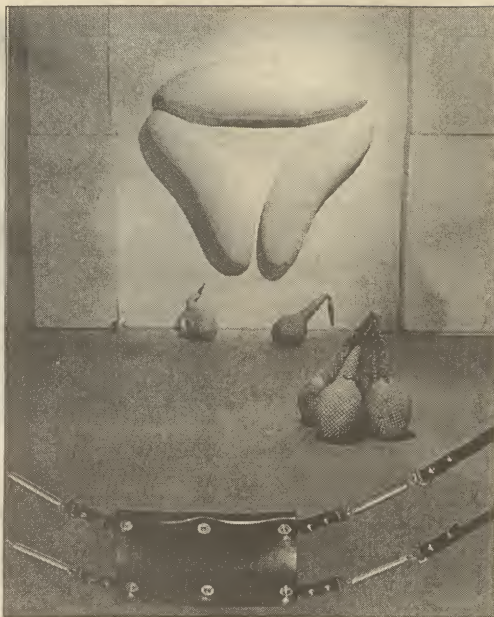


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Slingshot by Luther T.

cloth dunce cap on its head is emblazoned with words meant to hurt: stupid, idiot, blockhead.

Rollman's rabbits just about steal the show. One *Keeps a Stiff Upper Lip* (*Summer Days*) thanks to a steel skate form which clamps around its furry face. The creature, dressed in a tasteful pink slip, is bound by rope and springs into a steamer trunk. Even the dapper *Magic Rabbit* is subject to public humiliation—he sports a tuxedo, but his pants are pulled down around his ankles. But the artist's most striking creation is *Velveteen Rabbit as the Angel of Death*: all in black, the figure has duck wings attached to its back by retractable metal constructions. Alongside hangs a scythe, its very real menace only heightened by the black velvet bow adorning its handle. I am not sure that I have ever seen a more uncanny representation of death in art.

Shapely bric-a-brac

Melissa Pokorny's furniture sculptures use valences, balustrades, headboards, fragments of couches and upholstery pieces, and melds them with cast polyurethane to create strange mutated forms which the artist calls "fetishistic surrogates for the female body." In *Booby* (*Lil' Miss Muffit*), for example, groupings of silicone forms sprout behind a velvet-backed valence like some giant fungus infection, one spore even pushing through the fabric in front. In another Pokorny piece, her cast rubber animals (polyurethane pigs, poodles, ponies) seem to flow out of exposed piping in the wall. Although her work shares surface similarities with Mike Kelly's stuffed animals and the pathetic aesthetic, Pokorny is more interested in the formal qualities of sculpture. She studied with master artist Robert Arneson, and that background in ceramics and California funk art is apparent. Once seen, her unique assemblages will not let you look at old worn-out furni-

ture in the same way again.

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Australian Tenor to Debut in 'The Dangerous Liaisons' Hobson's Choice

by Paul Thomason

Millions of viewers across the U.S. sat transfixed in front of their television sets last June, mesmerized by a performance of Puccini's *La Boheme* from the Australian Opera. Directed by *Strictly*

Ballroom's Baz Luhrmann, the opera was updated to 1957, and though the ensemble was impressive, it was tenor David Hobson as Rodolfo who stole the show.

The *Opera News* critic wrote of the 32-year-old: "As tall and handsome as a movie star, he plays Rodolfo with a flip, boyish carelessness that makes his love for Mimi all the more poignant when he loses her. More important, his voice sounds like a throwback to pre-World War II Italian tenors—lean and sexy, with a tight vibrato and blooming upper register."

Fortunately for Bay Area opera lovers, Hobson is making his American opera debut here in San Francisco, playing Danceny in the world premiere of Conrad Susa and Philip Littell's *The Dangerous Liaisons*, which opens September 10. It is the first time he has sung outside Australia.

"I think it's important to put your hand up for new works," says Hobson, who is himself a composer. "[*Dangerous Liaisons*] is a fantastic score. There are tunes, which is a nice change. Obviously I haven't heard the orchestration yet, but the harmonic structure is fantastic. And everyone [in the cast] enjoys singing it."

"The role of Danceny is quite romantic and idealistic. I'm still trying to find out who he is. It's funny, you know, I've always approached every opera differently. I've overresearched, underresearched. But after time a character comes from yourself, 'cause being on stage is a reflection of your own being anyway."

"It all depends on (a) the music and (b) the interaction with the other characters. It takes me a while. I'm not the sort of performer who can just [he snaps his fingers] turn it on."

"So who is Danceny? I don't know. He's a Knight of Malta. He's a young gentleman. He's in love and his human foibles are found out. He grows up a little bit, not necessarily for the better, but he grows up."

Is he a victim?

"Of course he is, but he lets himself be one. At the end of the first act, he talks about having a perfect friendship and a love. You know, having a friend who



David Hobson

is a lover as well as having a true love. And he thinks these two can both co-exist in his life. Of course [Hobson laughs], Cecile sees it differently."

Scary situation

Hobson quickly waves away congratulations on the astonishing success of the *Boheme* telecast. "I'm not really a Rodolfo; I'm the wrong voice type. I've a very light tenor, and I'd only do [the role] in a theater like in Sydney. I could never do it here [at the War Memorial]."

In fact, Hobson did not even want to do the role in Sydney because he felt it was too heavy for his voice, but the artistic director of the Australian Opera promised him he could withdraw at any time.

"I don't think I sound like an opera singer," Hobson adds.

What does an opera singer sound like?

"Big! The thought of singing here [in a theatre as large as the War Memorial] freaks me out. It scares the hell out of me! It's only in the last two years, really, that I've thought of myself as an opera singer. I've never really felt part of the scene; I have no ambition for it. I'm totally daunted by being here and feel like an impostor being with these singers, because they're all fantastic, world-established performers."

"I've got a smallish voice, and I'm still finding my way technique-wise. I'm not trying to put myself down, I'm just being a realist. The reality is I did a *Boheme* in a small house in a specialized situation where everyone was a friend. It wasn't like here. This is scary."

Reluctant performer

Though Hobson grew up in a musical family, when it came time to practice the violin, "I'd

jump out the window and go kick the football instead. But then I got into rock and roll and jazz."

He also began writing music, including a musical version of *Macbeth*. "I was hocking it around, and the Victoria State Opera, which is in Melbourne, heard my voice on the tape and they said, 'Why don't you come do *Pirates of Penzance*?' I wasn't interested in performing because I thought it was ideologically unsound, getting up on stage and showing off. They rang me back a third time and said, 'Look, we know you need the money, so come do it.' So I did, and it snowballed a bit from there."

That was in 1987. From 1989 to 1993 Hobson was a resident artist with the Australian Opera, where he was named Australian Operatic Performer of the Year and received the Sydney Critics' Circle Award.

Next year he is taking eight or nine months off to try and put everything in perspective. He also plans to use the time to do more composing, and that brings up a lot of questions for Hobson.

"[Sondheim's] *Sweeney Todd* is the greatest modern opera, so far. But have we—you and I—got Common Man ears? I don't know what new operas are. What should they be? Are they relevant? Should we be looking at event music or some new form? Who is [opera] actually speaking to? That's what worries me." ▼

Editor's note: The *Dangerous Liaisons* will be performed six times at the War Memorial Opera House, September 10-27. For tickets and further information, call (415) 864-3330.

Hands

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in "Happy Hands": although each of its three artists has staked out a very different territory of exploration, their art works together as if it were all of one piece. The exhibition is enhanced by the very raw space of the Victoria Room. If you need pristine white walls to appreciate art presented in a gallery, you won't find them here, where decayed patches,

water stains and the markings and palimpsests left by previous shows speak a visual history. Even the unlovely setting of the gallery, on pissed-over Sixth Street, contributes to the show's dark fun-house feel. ▼

Happy Hands remains up through Sept. 18. Gallery hours at the Victoria Room, 180 Sixth St., are Fri.-Sun., 12-6 pm. Info: 255-0364.

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Men Behind Bars '94 Barfly's Delight

by Mary Richards

There has never been a show like it. People remember the silliness, the dashing glamour and provincial, yet somehow professional, talent which captured the hearts of its audience. Gone, but not forgotten, *Men Behind Bars* seemed destined to become a legend of San Francisco's past.

But in a city like this, such unique entertainment couldn't just fade away. So this Labor Day Weekend the fabulous, the one and only, *Men Behind Bars* (or "The Bartender's Folly," as it is cheerfully referred to), will once again take to the stage of its original home, The Victoria Theatre. From opening night, Friday, September 2nd, through Monday, September 5th, audiences will applaud their favorite bartenders as they cavort on stage in a variety show of outrageous proportions.

Co-producers Mark Abramson and Donald Nelson absolutely refuse to divulge the secrets of this newest version of *MBB*, but they promise it will be one of the best. With headline talent like humorist Michael Greer, the vibrant Gail Wilson, and multi-media gender-queen Pussy Tourette, all under the direction of choreographer Wayne Fleisher, how could it be anything but.

Ten years and counting

Mark Abramson says that *MBB* was conceived by himself and the late Jim Cvitanich as an event "where people would go to see their friends. The whole idea that Jim and I started with was 'let's take all these people who've never been on stage and put them in a professional setting as much as possible. Give them real lights, real sound.'" Since 1984, when the first show hit San Francisco, audiences have been treated to sights that not only live in memory, but videos that have traveled the globe.

Abramson recalls that, "Even people who haven't seen it, have heard about it. Those video tapes have gone all over the world. For the first four years I was working at the old Special bar on Castro St., people were calling me every year because it was mentioned on the tape that I worked there. They called from Amsterdam, Germany, South Africa, Australia, Switzerland—everywhere you can imagine. They called to find out when the show was being performed so they could plan their vacation

around it."

Men Behind Bars was basically conceived as an AIDS fundraiser, and it continues as one today. In fact, after paying production expenses, all proceeds from *Men Behind Bars* '94 will be distributed to the Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services and the AIDS Emergency Fund.

Over the years, *MBB* has received a lot of help from its friends. Two of them are the owners of The Victoria Theatre, Robert and Anita Correa. Donald Nelson explains, "They take no percentage from us at all because it's a benefit. They take the theatre fee, which is the same as it was in 1988, and we can run the bars and take all the revenue from them and donate it to our beneficiaries. We can sell T-shirts and all that money goes to the beneficiaries, and the whole door, after expenses, goes to the beneficiaries."

Of course it helps to have a good reputation, which *MBB* does. Why else would volunteers come out of the woodwork to assist with every phase of production, from choreography to costumes? People know that *MBB* is entertainment with a proven track record for supporting the community. Nelson believes in the camaraderie and unity produced by *MBB*: "We're trying to bring back a sense of community involvement, and we've made people aware that we're interested in their contribution, no matter how small. We've got people who have just contributed one day, and some people who have volunteered the last eight or nine months helping Mark and I put this thing together. I would say that 90 percent of the gay bars in San Francisco have contributed in some way to this production. Everybody has been very supportive."

Special preview night for PWAs

The first four *Men Behind Bars* productions had a preview night for people with AIDS, and this year is no exception. A preview show is planned for Thursday night, September 1, at 8 p.m. and 350 tickets will be set aside specifically for PWAs. Because the co-producers are concerned that free tickets only go to the people they were meant for, they are asking anyone with AIDS who wants to see the show to contact their service organization.

"We want it made perfectly clear," Nelson says, "that as

long as Mark and I are producers of this show, the people who get freebies will be people who need them—people who don't have the ability to go out, or feel self-conscious about going out in public. We want them to be a part of this. We understand they don't have a lot of money to spend, it's pricey, and that night is their night." He suggests that PWAs contact whatever agency they deal with on a day-to-day basis, and ask them to make arrangements to get tickets for themselves and a guest to *Men Behind Bars*.

Looking at past program books for the show it's obvious why the producers are so adamant about accommodating PWAs. The pages are filled with photos of performers who are now a memory. Mark

Abramson expresses it well when he says, "It's really hard to bring *Men Behind Bars* back because so many people are gone. I'd say half the people who have been to see this show

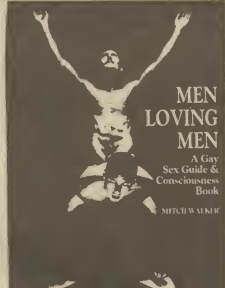
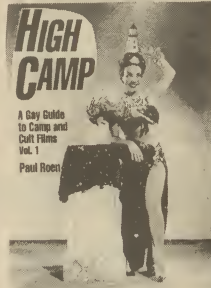
over the last ten years are no longer with us, and more than half the cast and people involved are no longer with us. It's really hard to bring it back, but I think we need it." ▼



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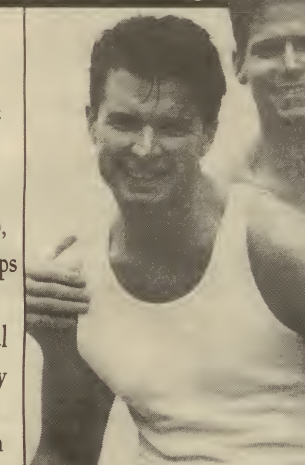
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That Day at the Quarry
by Tom Shaw;
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The recently published S/M novel *That Day at the Quarry* describes sex as arousingly as a do-it-yourself manual describes the assembly and operation of a complex household gadget, with intricately diagrammed instructions on how to do such cuddly, romantic, and snugglesome things as mummify one's slave in a cocoon of duct tape and then string him up in a cat's cradle of belts and pulleys. Written in the first-person, Tom Shaw's story revolves around the abduction of a wide-eyed 15-year-old boy by two filthy-minded adolescents who spirit their prey off to an abandoned quarry where they desecrate the precious vessel of his body by staging a kind of botanical orgy. They stick burdocks in his nether parts, flog his privates with blackberry branches, poke daisies into his orifices, and reddens his bottom with sunflower stalks, until the poor boy is left with what Shaw calls — excuse me for resorting to the graphic language of the novel — “sore goodies.”

One reason that *That Day at the Quarry* fails as pornography, let alone as literature, is that its three male leads are not the sort of golly-gee-whiz teenagers that Shaw makes them out to be but actually exhibit the knowledge and expertise of someone you might see swinging in a sling on any Friday night at Mack's. Because of the implausibility of finding these menopausal sadists trapped in the hairless bodies of pubescent ne'er-do-wells, the narrative's illusion of coercion is remarkably thin.

The victimized narrator describes his humiliation with such obvious relish that the reader is constantly saying to himself, like Hamlet's mother, “Methinks the lady doth protest too much.” This bruised and battered adolescent pleads for mercy like a hapless maiden in a slasher film, sobbing, “Oh no, not that” — not the cattle prod, not the duct tape, not the cat-o'-nine tails, and oh god, oh please, oh me, oh my, not the sunflower stalk, the burdock vine, and the blackberry branch!

The reader is forced to translate every negative into a positive, so that whenever the slave thinks, “Oh please, oh no,” we must understand him to mean “Oh yes! There! Harder!” And whenever he shrieks, “Oh god, I beg of you!” we must read between the lines for what he is really imploring: “More! More! And please use the wider strap and try to aim a little higher to the right!”

Delirious hype

What sets this particular book apart from the conventional kind of pulp porno sold over the counter in a plain brown wrapper on Polk Street is not its content but its truly audacious preface and jacket copy, which present what is essentially just kinky wanking material as nothing less than a Bildungsroman, in which the narrator undertakes an “almost mystical ... journey of self-knowledge.” According to the foreword by queer-studies semiotician Michael Bronski, *That Day at the*

Quarry is by no means just a typical example of such outstanding specimens of minority fiction as *Stud Sucker*, *Truck Stop Slave*, *Bondage* and *Boyleflesh* and *Choice Beef* but, in fact, has the “moral gravity” of “a particularly American work of literature,” a “captivity narrative”

that harks back to the male-bonding rituals represented in the work of Cooper, Melville, Twain, Whitman, and Dreiser.

The publisher has even gone so far as to camouflage the book as an “artistic” classic by splattering it with delirious blurbs by such acclaimed authors as Dale Peck, who puts his reputation (indeed, his sanity) on the line when he insists that the book is “superbly written” and “tightly crafted,” reading “like the bastard child of Ernest Hemingway and Anais Nin,” a bouncing, rosy-cheeked baby screeching for dear life on the doorstep of modern gay belles lettres. Let us therefore do the only humane thing in our power and snatch up this squirming bundle from its wicker basket, gather it lovingly to our bosoms, comfort it by cooing sweet nothings into its tiny little ear, and then, out of respect for the memory of two seminal writers, its purported mother and father, wrap it in duct tape and kill it. ▽

Editor's note: Daniel Harris' essay “The Kitschification of AIDS” appeared in the July issue of *Harper's*. His work also appears in the *Los Angeles Times* and *Salmagundi*.

Celebrating the Rainbow

Come to Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint Friday, August 30 and 31 for “Celebrating the Rainbow,” a fundraiser for three Bay Area non-profit organizations: BAHSES, The National Poetry Association, and The Van Den Berge Association.

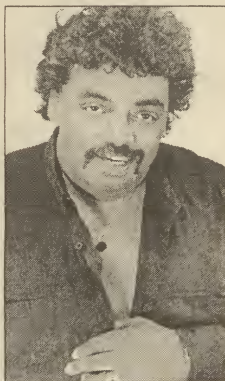
“Celebrating the Rainbow” will feature two evenings of comedy, music and readings with some of the Bay Area's most accomplished gay comedians, poets and writers, including Tom Ammiano, Danny Williams (“Captain of the luxury-liner guffaw”), and poets Harold Norse, Thom Bean and Jeffrey Lilly.

Musical counterpoint will be provided by Blackberri, and authors Chea Villanueva (“China Girls”) and Tommi Avicoll-Mecca (“Between Little Rock and A Hard Place”) will read excerpts from their works. “There will also be a few unannounced surprises,” promises Thom Bean.

Each of the three non-profit organizations being honored perform important services that directly impact diverse communities. BAHSES coordinates safe-sex education in local establishments and forums where sex occurs or is contemplated.

The Van Den Berge Foundation advocates the celebration of difference. “We provide scholarships for producers and filmmakers who are working on projects that reflect realistic

multicultural imagery, not the overworked stereotypes we are force-fed by the media and entertainment industry,” remarks Thom Bean, the Van Den Berge Foundation's executive director.



Thom Bean

The National Poetry Association also advocates the expression of cultural diversity. “This event will help support The Living Word Project, which celebrates the works of creative people who've died of AIDS. “We hope to establish a book celebrating many of the forgotten creative people in our communities who have passed on,” said Jeffrey Lilly, board member of the National Poetry Association. “Creative people are a diverse group. Our history must accurately reflect that diversity so that we can remember who we are.”

All three Bay Area organizations welcome interested volunteers and financial contributions. Checks made out to these organizations may be

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New Fitness Mag, Jewish Magazines Focus on Gay Lifestyle Front and Center

by Wayne Hoffman

From the physique magazines of the '50s to today's exercise magazines brimming with homoerotic photography, fitness magazines of all sorts have enjoyed popular success among gay readers. But the premiere of *Urban Fitness* opens a new chapter in this history. It's the first fitness magazine aimed specifically at gay and lesbian readers.

"There are a lot of fitness magazines out there, but none of them relate to me as a gay man," says Publisher and Editor-in-Chief Jim Herman. Other magazines exclude gays in their relationship columns, their health sections, and even in their AIDS coverage, says Herman. While he hopes straight people will not feel similarly excluded by *Urban Fitness*, Herman emphasizes that his primary audience is gay men and women. "I think this magazine is the perfect match for the gay person," he says.

Subtle gay perspective aside, the full-color glossy offers fairly typical fitness fare: nutrition information, medical advice, and workout regimens. In fact, with its slick photography and matter-of-fact writing, *Urban Fitness* reads much like any other exercise magazine — right down to the homogenous-looking models. Ironically, while Herman makes many efforts to represent women and men equally — unusual for any fitness magazine, or any gay magazine for that matter — *Urban Fitness* still feels like an exercise mag for men, with articles for women tossed in seemingly as an afterthought. Hopefully, future issues of the bi-monthly will be more gender sensitive and racially diverse.

Herman had no experience in writing or publishing when he dropped his career as an architect last year to develop a gay fitness newspaper for his hometown of Vancouver. The strong feedback he received from sponsors convinced him to expand nationwide.

"When I started talking to advertisers, they thought it was a great idea," says Herman. "They make comments like, 'I've always wanted to go after that niche but never had the vehicle to do it.'"

Queer ads work

The advertisements are one element that sets *Urban Fitness* apart from its competitors. Mazda's two-page ad features two women embracing behind their car, while Coast Mountain Sports includes two men gazing deep into each other's eyes.

Other advertisers, from Mercedes to Naya Spring Water, have also chosen gay-specific images designed by *Urban Fitness* photographers and editors.

"We try gay-friendly ads," Herman says. "We say to the client,

'Look, you're putting an ad in a gay magazine, don't put a man and a woman in it.' So far we've had a great response from the companies. They were quite willing to do it."

While the magazine has increased gay visibility in its articles and advertisements, *Urban Fitness* ironically uses far less homoerotic imagery than "mainstream" fitness magazines. While magazines like *Exercise for Men Only* or *Men's Exercise* routinely feature nearly-naked hunks holding strategically placed dumb-

bells over their bulging spandex shorts, Herman insists that *Urban Fitness* does not intend to sell copies based on cover photos alone.

"If you're looking for soft porn, you won't find it in *Urban Fitness*," Herman stresses. "You

can go buy those damn 'straight' ones."

Gays in the Jewish Community

Homosexuality is a pressing concern in every branch of Judaism today. Witness four Jewish magazines that address the topic of homosexuality in current issues from four distinct perspectives.

The progressive bi-monthly *Tikkun* addresses gay issues quite frequently as part of its broad-based, left-leaning political agenda. But in the current issue, the editors inexplicably give space to Reuven Kimelman, a Jewish Studies professor from Brandeis University.

Kimelman purports to seek a common ground between progressive Jews who use words like 'choice' and 'tolerance' to open up the community to gays, and traditional Jews who rely on scripture and law to prevent such changes from happening. Unfortunately, Kimelman's "common ground" is in total alignment with the latter group, and in total opposition to the progressive Jewish movement *Tikkun* espouses.

He claims that gay couples tear at the community's social fabric because they do not bear children; of course many gay couples do include children, and many heterosexual couples do not, but Kimelman refuses to let logic skew his argument. By relying on antiquated notions of masculinity and femininity, he insists that men need women to civilize them and connect them to the future; in his complete avoidance of lesbians, Kimelman fails to speculate why women might need men. Finally, comparing homosexuality to kleptomania, Kimelman maintains that sympathy is perhaps in order, but not acceptance.

Tikkun thankfully allows a response from Yaakov Levado, the pseudonymous Orthodox rabbi who wrote in the magazine last fall about his personal trials as a gay Orthodox Jew. The rabbi constructs an argument for

gay family values within a Jewish context to counter Kimelman's fear of moral decay. Levado, hardly a cheerleader for radical gay politics, further attacks Kimelman's insidious political argument, noting that the professor deliberately relies on community concerns rather than scriptural edicts in order to sway even secular Jews into the anti-gay camp.

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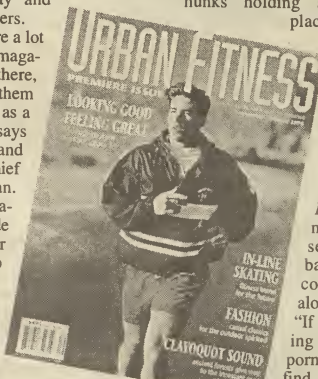
Several steps to the right of *Tikkun* is *Moment*, a Washington-based Jewish bimonthly. In the August issue, Jewish Theological Seminary professor Jack Wertheimer laments the increasing diversity of the Jewish community. Worried that Judaism will become a "cafeteria religion" where Jews choose to observe only the laws they like, Wertheimer is skeptical specifically of recent gay advances.

"Advocates of change regarding the religious status of gays argue their case in the name of equality," he writes. "They give no credence to the views of those who regard Jewish tradition as an eternal guide for behavior, and not merely a product of its time and place."

Expanding the debate beyond religious tradition versus secular equality, Rabbi Harold Schulweis argues for personal compassion in

the summer issue of *Reform Judaism* magazine. Schulweis' interactions with gay congregants have forced him to examine his own thoughts on homosexuality. He maintains that Jewish law is liv-

ing and flexible, and that since laws against homosexuality are based on the notion that sexuality is chosen, increasing evidence that sexuality is innate demands revision of traditional scriptural interpretations. ▼



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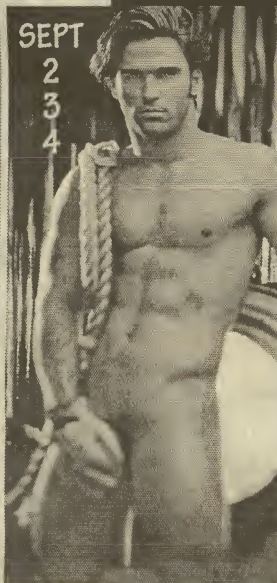
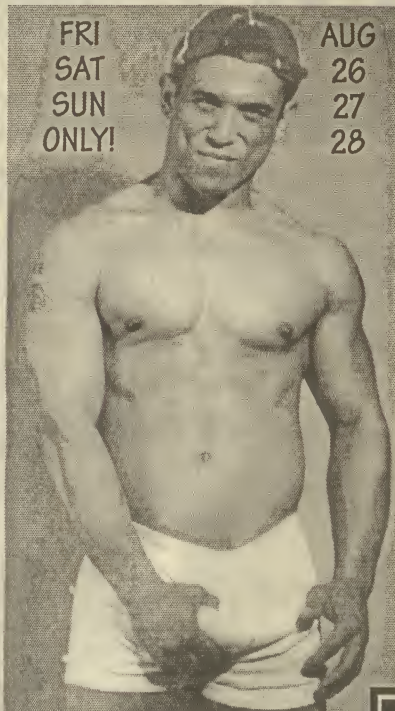
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INTERVIEW

Faderman

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have, at least outwardly, tamed the intensity of her quest, but for the attentive listener she never fails to reveal the burning passion behind her work — a love for women and their elegant,

tender words.

How did you determine that the authors in your anthology were lesbian when according to literary history, or their own estimation, they were not?

Many of the women in the book would not have called

themselves lesbians. Some didn't even have that word available to them. I use it to describe powerful, intense emotional, or sexual relationships between women. In the 19th century, with the emergence of sexologists who defined the sexual invert, I think a lot of women would have called themselves congenital inverts, or they would have seen themselves as having a congenital anomaly. They wouldn't have described themselves as lesbian. Nevertheless, they wrote about their love for other women. Often they wrote about gender dysphoria, because they really felt they were men trapped in women's bodies. Many were married to men. Before the success of the feminist movement in the second part of the 18th century most women had to marry, if only for economic reasons.

So the so-called Boston marriage was an exception because it involved women of the upper classes?

We can describe them as middle class, for they were not necessarily wealthy. Many of them saw themselves as professional women. I have included several writers who were in Boston marriages. But I have also included a lot of bisexual or lesbian writers from the first half of the 20th century who were almost invariably married, like Vita Sackville West, Virginia Woolf, Carson McCullers, Jane Bowles. In many cases they married for a front, a disguise, or for companionship and stability. I got married when I was 17 to a man who was twice my age. He was



Photo: Christina Lugo

Lillian Faderman

gay and I knew I was a lesbian. But somehow I had gotten it into my head that lesbian relationships couldn't be stable and that this marriage would be stable. Of course it wasn't. We lived together for about eight months and we stayed married for three or four years. Since then I've been in lesbian relationships that have been extremely stable, but somehow I couldn't believe that in 1957.

How did earlier generations look at the concept of romantic friendship?

Until the late 19th century women could seldom support themselves. If you were a working-class woman, you could be a servant, work in a factory or be a prostitute. As a middle-class woman you could be a governess. So to society it didn't matter what women did when they were young because they had to get married anyway. In 1849 the American writer Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote about two "romantic friends" and he calls the love these women had for each other a 'rehearsal in girlhood for the great drama of woman's life', meaning marriage. After 1849 women in England and the U.S. were permitted into higher education and slowly into middle-class jobs which would make them independent. What used to be a rehearsal now could be the great drama itself.

How did the women in these relationships feel about themselves and their companions?

I guess a lot of those romantic relationships were sensual but not sexual. And if you have no word for what you're doing, maybe you just block it out of your mind, or think of it as some nighttime behavior, something like dreams. Or maybe you suspect that you and your lover are the only ones like that in the whole world. There is a famous story about Queen Victoria: In 1885 she was signing a bill which would sentence homosexual men to 10 years of hard labor. One member of Parliament asked her if she didn't want to include women who'd had carnal relations with women. The Queen responded simply, "There is no such thing!"

How did you find Emily Dickinson's unpublished letters and poems?

One day I picked up a volume of her letters edited by her

niece, Martha Dickinson Bianchi. It was published in the 1930s. I saw that there were some very affectionate letters to Martha's mother before she became Emily Dickinson's sister-in-law. She had been Sue Gilbert. These letters were very short, like notes and I thought that they could not be complete, so I began searching for the whole letters. In a more recent volume, a scholar's edition of Emily Dickinson's letters, I discovered that Martha Dickinson-Bianchi had completely butchered Emily's letters to Sue. She took out everything that could be construed as passionate. From there I knew that Emily Dickinson's niece felt that there was something to be hidden and I knew that there must be poetry to look for. I found dozens of lesbian poems.

What was the response to your "outing" Emily Dickinson?

My paper on Dickinson's letters to Sue Gilbert was published in 1976, and for awhile it was totally ignored. Now, most biographies of Dickinson deal with the fact that she loved women as well as men.

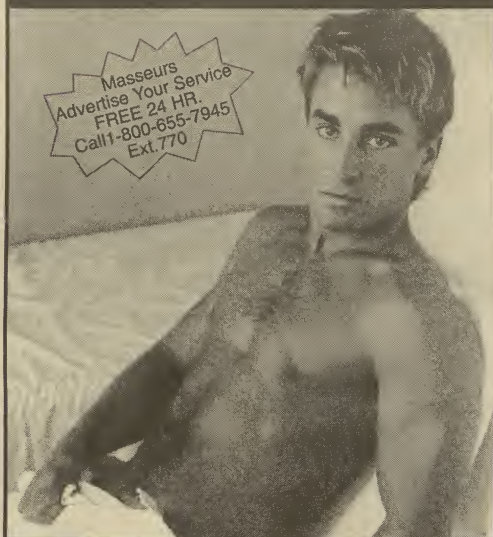
Why does your book not extend further back than the 17th century?

I don't go beyond the 17th century because what I'm really interested in is tracing literary traditions, like the tradition of romantic friendship, or that of the sexual invert, the man trapped in a woman's body.

Were you able to include all the material you wanted to in the anthology?

Most of it, but there are still some literary executors who worry about "besmirching" the reputation of the writer they are in charge of, as in the case of Edna St. Vincent Millay's executor. I wanted to use some of her poems, and I wrote to the executor, explaining the context of my book. She wrote back, "Miss Millay did not write lesbian poetry. She wrote poetry pure and simple. You may not use these poems for your anthology." Well, among her pure and simple poetry were poems such as one called "Evening on Lesbos." I quote those lines in the introduction. To hell with the executor: "Twice having seen your shingled heads adorable side by side, the onyx and the gold, I know that I have had what I could not hold." ▼

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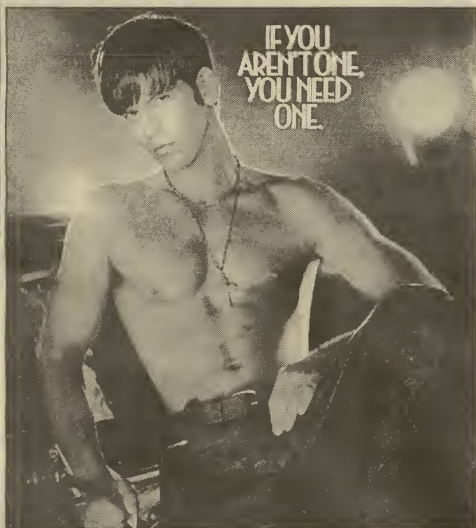
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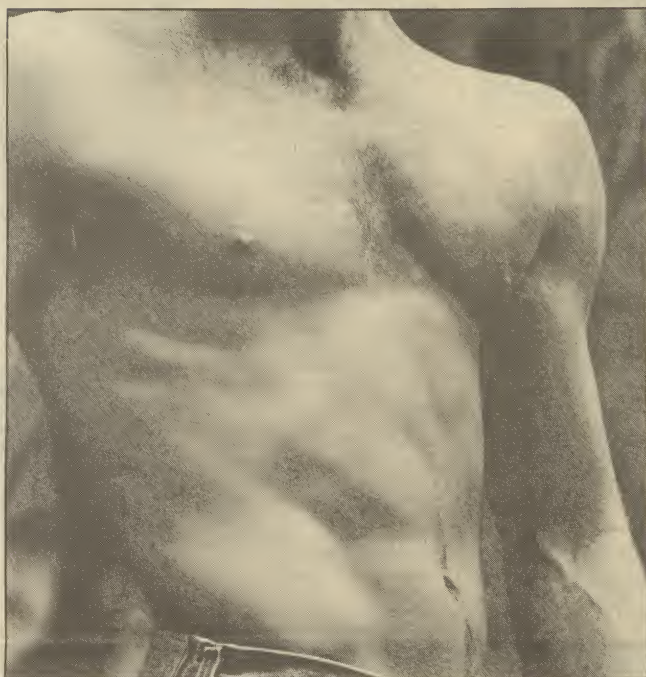
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WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY LEAGUE

THIS LEAGUE IS A BALL AND ALL WILL HAVE A GOOD TIME...AND HAS BECOME AS LARGE AS TUESDAY. The starting date for this league will be September 14. Teams are of five bowlers - men/women or mixed. Cost is \$11.00 per person per week. League bowls on Wednesdays at 8:45 p.m.

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FRIDAY COMMUNITY LEAGUE

THIS LEAGUE IS PERENNIAL 20 TEAMS AND IS A HUGE SUCCESS. League starts bowling on September 2. 100% handicap. Three bowlers to a team (trios) - men/women or mixed. Cost is \$11.00 per person per week. League bowls on Fridays at 6:15 p.m.

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BAY AREA REPORTER SPORTS AND FITNESS

Duo Goes Bronze At National Championships

by Rick Thoman

While the boys were busy winning medals at Gay Games IV in New York, two of the San Francisco Track and Field Club's best runners remained in California, preparing for the USA Track and Field National Masters Championships.

"It was a difficult decision to make," said Michele Lewis, who stayed behind to train with teammate Valerie Scott. "I had gone to the Vancouver Gay Games in 1990 and had a wonderful time. But financially, doing both events this year wasn't possible. Valerie and I ran at Nationals for the first time last year and decided to try to improve on our experience there."

Although the Gay Games only come along once every four years, the U.S. Track and Field Championships provide a more elite and challenging competition. Over 1300 athletes from the USA and some foreign countries participated at this year's event, held August 11 through 14, in Eugene, Oregon.

"We haven't attended the Nationals in quite awhile," coach Frank Demby said of the rest of the SF Track and Field Club. "We were excited when Valerie and Michele competed there last year and we knew they were going to do a fine job again this season."

"It was tough training without the rest of the team," Lewis confided. "But we really got inspired by all of San Francisco's performances at the Games in New York. It made us more determined and confident about what we needed to do in Eugene."

And what they did was superb! Lewis and Scott each captured a bronze medal (no easy feat over four arduous days of world-class competition) and they achieved All-American status with their marks in the 100 meters.

Scott is not known for her 100-meter speed, but she surprised herself and the rest of the field as she flew out of the blocks and went on to capture the bronze medal in that event with a clocking of 13.4 seconds. Lewis finished 5th at 13.7 and both times were better than the All-American standard of 13.8 for their age group, earning them an additional honor.

Lewis earned her bronze medal in the 200 meters in a tight finish, losing out to the first-place finisher by 1/10th of a second and nipping teammate Scott (who finished 4th) by the same margin.

In the 400 meters, Scott finished 7th by improving her qualifying time by almost two seconds to 66.7, while Lewis finished respectable 8th in the event, something she hadn't seriously considered running until a few months ago;

"We knew from last year that the competition at the Nationals was going to be tough," explained Lewis. "But after the



Photo: Rick Thoman

Lewis and Scott.

Los Gatos meet in June we realized we were on track to peak at the appropriate time. While the rest of the team was gearing up for New York, we were trying to stay fresh until August."

They worked hard outside the limelight of the Gay Games, with increased sets of drills, sit-ups, push-ups, weight training, dieting, speed work, block starts, and everything else needed to bring them up to par with the Nation's best runners.

"We were really pleased," noted Scott, who added a gold medal to her bronze with a sizzling second leg for the Western region's winning 4x100 relay squad. Lewis sat out the relays nursing a hamstring injury that flared up during the finals of the 100 meters, but managed to hold together through the end of the competition.

Said coach Demby, "Just like New York, this was another

example of the commitment our team members have. Valerie and Michele proved we can do just as well in a non-gay environment, such as Nationals, as we can at the Gay Games. Hopefully next year we'll have more representatives from the team participating at the National Masters Championships."

Next on the schedule for the SF Track and Field Club is the NorCal Seniors Track Classic on September 10th at UC Berkeley. The team finishes the 1994 season at the Club West Masters meet in Santa Barbara on October 8th. ▼

The SFT&FC holds workouts at Kezar Stadium on Tuesday and Thursday nights, and Sunday mornings. Interested in joining? Call (415) 550-7966.



Photo: Rick Thoman

Scott and Lewis warming up.

SPORTS

FrontRunners Marathon '94

The annual Gay and Lesbian Run, sponsored by San Francisco FrontRunners, will be on Saturday, October 1, 1994, and coincides with the Castro Street Fair. As in years past, the '94 run will be a 5K/10K race and a 5K walk. The race begins at 9 a.m. sharp at the south end of the Polo Field in Golden Gate Park. The course is TAC-certified and is on 100 percent asphalt with gently rolling hills. (Enter Golden Gate Park at 25th or 41st Avenues and Lincoln.)

The Gay and Lesbian Run is noted for its energy and unity. It's played an important part of the gay and lesbian sporting community. The FrontRunners would like to welcome everyone to participate. The T-shirts are great and the gang always manages to have a great time! Of course the Gay/Lesbian Run is not limited to the gay community.

Registration is \$15 with T-shirt if pre-registered by September 20, 1994 (postmarked). The registration is \$20 with T-shirt after September 20 and day of race. Race packets will be mailed in September to all who are registered by September 20, 1994. Late registrants will pick up their packets the day of the race.

Awards will be given to the top female and male participants of the 5K/10K run and 5K walk. Medals will be given to the top three men and women finishers in the following running divisions: under 20, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 and over. Medals will be given to the 2nd and 3rd place finishers in the 5K walk.

After the races there will be a potluck picnic celebration in the Polo Fields, during which awards will be presented. There will also be a drawing for various exciting prizes.

The proceeds from this year's race will be donated to the STOP AIDS Project, whose aim it is to help end the AIDS/HIV epidemic in San Francisco. ▼



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Bowling Committee Announces "Menage a Trois"

by Miyeko Keen

The Bud Light Golden Gate Classic Tournament Committee will present the third in a series of mini no-tap bowling tournaments on Saturday, August 27 at Japantown Bowl.

Having sponsored one singles and one doubles tournament, the committee's third event will be a trios team competition called, "Menage a Trois Trio." The tournament will feature the same no-tap format, in which nine pins equals a strike. Squad times will be 12:00 and 2:30 p.m.

An optional doubles event allows bowlers to pair their scores from their trios with any number of partners. This added twist, seen in the committee's past two events, has meant big money for some participants who have signed up with as many as six doubles partners in just one squad and cashed with up to four.

The event will pay a one-to-10 ratio, meaning for every 10 bowlers entered in each event, one prize place will be awarded. Past tournaments have paid an average of \$700 dollars in prize money.

The entry fee is \$60 per team (\$20 per person) and \$12 for doubles. A discount of \$6 per team and \$2 per doubles will be given to participants who register prior to August 23.

"Menage a Trois" is a fundraiser for the Bud Light Golden Gate Classic and Scratch Masters Tournament, which will be held in San Francisco January 13, 14 and 15, 1995. The January event is one of the most popular of the 52 major gay bowling tournaments held annually throughout the country. It pays out over \$25,000 in cash prizes and draws close to 450 bowlers from 45 cities worldwide. ▼



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Dennis! Dennis! - Back from Grand Canyon & hoping you'll call. James. EXT 3442.

Market Street Sawfay - Monday, 8/9. You exchanged your chocolate Haagen Daz for my vanilla. Me: b/b, recent transplant from Washington DC. Would really like to get to know you. The ice cream's on me. EXT 3430.

Hwy 680 & 242, 8/5, 12:30pm - We paced each other for a couple of miles & couldn't take our eyes off one another. You: blue Toyota Four Runner, blonde hair, white shirt, nicely trimmed beard. Me: white Ford van, brown hair. Was working on would have followed. You went 680, I took 242. Please call. Would like to meet you among other things. EXT 3491.

Morning Commute Glances - Going downtown 8/2, K train, 9am. You: doing crossword, me reading book (The Shipping News), black slacks, leather coat. We kept staring. Idle browsing or serious interest? 1 across, 4 letter word rhymes with cover. 2 down, u & me getting... Call me. EXT 3492.

Headlines, Market Street - You: Philipino, glasses, beautiful long black hair. Me: black hat, blue eyes, stache.

Both shopped Headlines 8/4, bought watches, then saw you again at Burger King. Wanted to meet you but was too shy. Would like a second chance, promise won't be shy. EXT 3493.

Collective Antiques SF - You: blue shirt, khaki shorts, great smile, & legs. Me: white shirt, black jeans, s/p hair, & moustache. We smiled at one another several times but? Smitten & curious. EXT 3494.

Ranch Oasis 8/7 - You: blonde stache, wide stripe shirt. We talked 5/9, wearing light blue jeans & white shirt. Me: BM wearing jeans & green t-shirt. We were both on the upper level, you w/ 3 friends. We made numerous eye contacts & exchanged smiles. My friend mistakenly touched your butt & blamed it on me (which I did, but was too shy to say anything). Coffee? EXT 3497.

N Judah, 7/31, 6:30pm - You: tall, cute blonde wearing beige coat. Got off at Carland Cole. Me: tall, bearded, faded purple baseball cap, green plaid shirt. Gave the seat next to me to an old lady. We smiled, you waved. Were you looking at me or was there someone behind me? Please call. EXT 3496.

Phoenix, 8/5, 12:30-1am - WM about 5'9", wearing light blue jeans & white shirt. Me: BM wearing jeans & green t-shirt. We were both on the upper level, you w/ 3 friends. We made numerous eye contacts & exchanged smiles. My friend mistakenly touched your butt & blamed it on me (which I did, but was too shy to say anything). Coffee? EXT 3497.

The Hottest Guy in Town - Even the Hottest guy in town is not worth you risking your health over him. Play Safe! Protect yourself & those you Play with. Always wear a condom, don't exchange bodily fluids, if you're HIV+, don't panic, get early treatment, talk to someone. EXT SAFE.

In Front of Sweet Inspiration - Mon. 8/8 pm. Sitting in Sweet Inspirations on Market. Green shirt & blue hat. You cruised by three times w/ friend. You: light colored hair, yellow shirt, smiled. Couldn't catch up w/ you. Call. EXT 3550.

Black Sand Beach - 8/12. You: blue suit. Me: black suit, playing football. Would like to meet you. Regret not speaking. Please respond. EXT 3561.

GDI Motorcycle Club - Gary, pouring Beer at Eagle Beer Bust 8/14. We made out but didn't interconnect. I want to. Call, Dan. EXT 3562.

Wednesday 8/17, Sanwa Bank - 2:15pm. You walked in side entrance & I stayed at intersection looking on. You: tall, short light thinning hair w/ glasses. Me: 6', khaki pants, & short sleeved shirt, brown hair, moustache. Wanna meet for lunch? EXT 3563.

SEEKING RELATIONSHIPS

W-W

45-55 Fem. Professional - I'm attractive slender, feminine, gentle, loving, physically & emotionally fit, w/ positive outlook. Seeking same. No smoke, drugs, alcohol. EXT 3459.

SEEKING RELATIONSHIPS

M-M

HIV+ Seeks HIV+ - Very handsome, healthy, HIV+ young 30s, 6'2", 170#, br/bl, tone, looking for someone HIV+, tall, dark masculine features, & very handsome. You're in your 20s or 30s. EXT 3443.

Southern Draw(l) - GWM, good body & looks, active professional, late 30s seeks GM for long walks, good talks, workouts & intimacy. You are professional, 20s-30s, active gym-goer, attractive, good-humored & honest. Dark hair, dark features, a turn-on; Latin, Medit., & Italians a plus. EXT 3444.

Where Are You? - Attractive GWM 25, blonde, 5'8". Looking for Mr. Right. We are both physically fit, romantic, & HIV-. You: top Me: bottom. Masculine & under 35. Take a chance & respond. EXT 3445.

Just a Regular Guy - 6', 195#, blonde, attractive, young 40y/o, healthy, HIV+ GWM enjoys homelife, gardening, photography, film, music, cooking, travel, & romance. Seek man of color who is sensitive, proud, sensual, sexual, romantic, & who understands committed love w/ good balance. EXT 3446.

Attractive Top - Dominant yet affectionate, seeks in-shape, goodlooking submissive bottom under 5'10", under 40, hairy a plus, must be into bondage, TT, & leather sex. Novices OK. Relationship possible. HIV+ EXT 3447.

Looking for a Black Man - Interested in dating a GWM who is 5'10", 190#, late forties, HIV+, Italian. Interests: movies, music, dining out, travel. Sexually: I'm mainly a bottom, anything from vanilla to nasty. EXT 3448.

Life's Better Together - I'm achieving goals, but emptiness within for special

friend/ally. Masculine GWM, 5'8", tan, trim, bearded, HIV-, N/A, N/D. Has an intimate, quality like love to share. I like home life, love bare feet. East Bay preferred. EXT 3450.

Goodlooking GAM Seeks GWM - I'm 28, 5'10", masculine, in good shape, honest, romantic, well-educated. Seek GWM under 35, HIV-, fit, patient, affectionate & easygoing for dating & poss. LTR. EXT 3452.

Seeking Dark Latino Lover Only - Me: 6'1", 242#, Italian, bearded, hairy, stocky bearish build. You: 35-42, bearded, 5'10", into monogamous LTR, N/S, N/D, mature, romantic, affectionate, not afraid of intimacy or commitment to one man. Serious only. EXT 3453.

Hispanics, Greeks, Italians - If you are uncut & very well endowed this GWM 39, drk blonde, goodlooking hairy bottom wants to hear from you. You won't be disappointed. Non smokers only, please. EXT 3454.

A Gentleman & a Pervert - Goodlooking, masculine, healthy HIV+, versatile GWM, 44, 5'10", 170#, good build, 42c, 31w, muscular legs, drk hair, balding, greying temples, trim stache & beard, hairy. Seeks LTR w/ hot man who's as comfortable SOMA as Pac. Hgts. Must be in-shape, similar build or better, BSA+, employed, & physically & emotionally available. EXT 3455.

Smooth Muscular Asian - Monogamous GAM, 40s, 5'7", 150#, 40c, 30w, 14w, HIV-, good body, average facial looks. Into film, TV, pop culture, weights/aerobics, 501s, mutual bodyworship, tilapia, j/o. NS, ND, NGR. If you're a monogamous GM, 35-45, HIV- w/ similar physique/interests, call. EXT 3456.

Yin Seeks Yang - Does the sexual tensions created by opposites excite you? When I look into your eyes I see a bad boy, cowboy, warrior, Pan. What do you see when you look into mine? I'm early 30s, HIV-, sexy muscular body. Teach me the way you like it. EXT 3457.

I'm Seeking Leather Experience - A second coming out? GWM, 6', 179#, senior, w/ considerable relationship experience & excellent health. Let's explore our chemistry & go from there. EXT 3498.

GBM Looking for Partner - Must have long full hippy beard & thin. I'm 38, 6'1", 165#, HIV-, into music, massage, occult, woods, mountains, herbs, wildflowers, ND, N/S, N/A. EXT 3508.

Attractive GWM - 5'7", 33, fit, outgoing, creative, intelligent, w/ free spirit. Seek GAM w/ these qualities for friend-

ship & love. Please be N/S, HIV-, non-arrogant, out, w/ sense of humor & kind. EXT 3499.

True Love Seriously Invited - Talented, courageous, adventurous, wheelchair guy challenges spiritual, intelligent, caring, athletic guy w/ high self esteem to the greatest & most thrilling adventure of your life, which calls for the gift of true love for a lifetime. EXT 3501.

Hot Blooded Muscular Black Stud - 27y/o, 6'2", 220#, rippling muscles, washboard abs, very mature, intelligent, very out-going, w/ insatiable appetite for sex. Seek sincere relationship w/ bi or gay effeminate male. No drugs or hangups. Race immaterial. Fit this category & I'll fulfill your fantasies. EXT 3502.

San Jose Cute 25y/o Span/Ital. - Seek San Jose area GAW/HM, HIV+, masculine for friendship & poss. LTR. Lean & masculine only. Like Star Trek, music, movies, dancing, walking, beaches, u must to. Serious only please. U won't be sorry. EXT 3504.

Chubby Looking for Real Man - GWM 35y/o, br/bl, 6'3, 240#, chubby guy, funny, sincere, looking for GWM, GWM 24-36y/o, goodlooking, good-shape, who loves big chubby men. All I ask is that you love to kiss, hug, cuddle, & love to love... EXT 3505.

Dark-Haired, Handsome Man? - 25-45, masculine, active/athletic, sincere, honest, intelligent, humorous, NS, & slowtalking? I'm most of the above, attractive, 41, 5'11", 175#, healthy HIV+ (10yrs), blondish, moustache, masculine, sports/outdoor minded, East Bay, damned nice, & available for LTR. EXT 3506.

Interested in Ethnic Diversity? - I'm 27, 5'11", 168#, black hair, attractive, discreet, professional, good sense of humor. Seek tall man, top, caring, physically fit, handsome, funny, stable, for fun times and more. I hope distance is not a problem. I'm 1hr from SF. Hairy chest/thighs a plus. EXT 3507.

Exciting Young Black Stallion - 28y/o, 6'2", 195#, can hang w/ the best of them, love sex, kissing, etc...Will try anything once. Love music, dining, films, reading & talking. I'm nice, friendly, lovable, sexy & hung. Ready for a relationship w/ a young white man. Speedy reply. Serious only. EXT 3503.

HIV+ Dominant Daddy Wanted - Seek LTR w/ HIV+ GWM top, 30s-40s, stache, into nipple work, receiving oral, CBT, domination, humiliation, some raunch, & kink. Me: insatiable HIV+ boy, GWM 45, 5'8", 154#, deep throat, stache, hairy chest, uncult, brigh. EXT 3510.

Motorcyclist Seeks Passenger - Mature motorcyclist seeks younger passenger for potential long rides through life. Me: tall, slender, intelligent, affectionate, NS, ND. Interests: computers, theatre, dance, opera, massage. Seek similar interests for friendship and whatever may develop. EXT 3511.

Custom Made Black Lover - Young in spirit, not in years. HIV+ & spiritually aware, loving, handsome w/ no beards, health & prosperity minded, no chips on your shoulder, NS, moderate drinker, want intimacy w/ same. Me: Egyptian, fit to be an African prince, 44, HIV+, br/bl, 155#, 5'7", highly educated & good lover. EXT 3512.

Searching for Soulmate - Italian 26, rugged & well built seeks attractive, down-to-earth real man for dating and poss. LTR. EXT 3513.

Mature Black Sought - By 49y/o European male, 5'8", 141#, hairy, fit, warm, affectionate, sensual, passionate, varied interests. EXT 3514.

Papa Bear Seeks Black Cub - GWM early 50s, healthy & fit, moustache, hairy chest, seeks younger GBM, slender or muscular, for casual or intense relationship. Cuddly & versatile, East Bay OK. EXT 3515.

Tall Butch Top - Masculine, tall, lanky, WM, 40, 6'2", 180#, short hair, stache, beard, looking for masculine submissive HIV+ bottom boy for monogamous LTR. Smoker preferred, no S&M.

drugs, or bs. East Bay, San Leandro; all areas. Serious only. EXT 3517.

Wanted - Wanted ex-con who is tall, white, very muscular top & butch. Call now. Over 6'3" a plus. EXT 3516.

Baby Just Cares for Me - GBM, 40, fat, attractive, seeks LTR w/ younger GWM. We are both HIV-, hung, masculine. No drugs, heavy drinkers, or partiers. Creative, submissive &/or bubble butt a plus. EXT 3518.

The 6 Million \$ Smile - Me: GBM, 35y/o, fun loving, passionate, considerate, honest, easy going, smooth skin, nice body & warm eyes. I promise you won't be disappointed. You: just be yourself. EXT 3519.

Love SF/Cal Outdoors - Like jeans, cowboys, suits, performing arts, travel, people, escapes. I'm HIV+, masculine, grounded, witty, 34, 5'10" 170, handsome, sexy, romantic, in-shape. Seek strong, unpretentious hairy man, beard a plus. Prefer sweaty pits to cologne. We're monogamous by nature not condition. Not seeking duplicate. EXT 3520.

Attractive HIV+ GWM - 30, 5'10", 160#, healthy, masculine, cute, humorous, honest, & caring. Into tennis, camping, movies, sports, hiking, massage & fun. You: attractive, HIV+, good sense of humor, good personality, w/ similar interests. EXT 3500.

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I Have a Bear Magazine Look - GWM 39, hairy, husky, balding, moustache, 5'9", 195#, brown hair. I'm looking for a guy 20-30 w/ attractive boyish looks for a possible LTR. I'm active bicycling, nature, sci-fi, films & safe versatile sex. I'm HIV-. EXT 3564.

Latin BiM - 28y/o, 160#, 5'6". Looking for attractive masculine European man w/ big dick & nice body for fun & friendship. EXT 3565.

Goodlooking GWM 51y/o Young - Seek handsome GWM for fun, friendship, even romance, LTR. Are you new to SF Bay Area? I can show you best bars, beaches, etc., everything, everywhere. EXT 3566.

Asian Guy - Small masculine type, really likes small, very slim Asian guys 18-35. Seeking satisfying relationship w/ right person. EXT 3567.

Friendly Guy Wanted - 35y/o GWM interested in meeting same for hiking, movies, possible sex. Me: 6'2", 230#, decent shape. You: 30-40, friendly, easy-going, no attitude, good-shape. Want a friend, not a lover. EXT 3568.

Black Needs White - For more than 1 nie. 6'4", 185#, 31y/o, HIV-, exceptionally hung, romantic, passionate, sincere. Looking for an attractive in shape man under 45 who's tired of "bed hopping". Let's fall in love. EXT 3569.

Enough is Enough - I'm tired of meeting jerks, aren't you? Me: Italian, early 40s, 5'10", 170#, teacher, actor, singer, unpretentious, honest, & sincere. Let's talk. EXT 3570.

Friendship Buddy or LTR Wanted - Chinese or any other Asian friend wanted by middle-aged European, HIV-, safe ex-military guy, good sense of humor, monogamous, low key. EXT 3571.

Bonding Material Wanted in North Bay - Prefer Will Hold to Post-its or Superglue. Young 44, GWM father, 5'11", 165#, nice body, attractive, romantic, passionate & healthy in body, mind, & spirit. Looking for same in a smooth, muscular (not lean) bod. Show me your glue. EXT 3572.

Red/Blonde Boyfriend Wanted - Me: 40, blonde, tan, muscular, smooth, HIV-bottom. Relationship oriented, great kisser, own home w/ pool, wanting to share all. EXT 3573.

HIV+ Daddy Wanted - Looking for HIV+ top, 35 or older, who's a real headboard banger w/ dark hair, br eyes, moustache & single, no substitutes please. I'm 6' 190#, b/b, hand-

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GWM 25y/o - Tall, sincere, attractive. Seeking GWM 25-35y/o who is mature and has his life together, for fun, sex, friendship, LTR possible. EXT 3575.

GWM, 6', 250#, 38 - Masculine, honest, secure, romantic, stable, spontaneous, many interests, top, versatile, seeking friend, poss. LTR. You: GWM, shorter, lighter, under 45, bottom, versatile. EXT 3576.

Hot In-Shape GWM - Educated professional, 31, 5'9", 140#, br/gm. Seek hot muscular man, any race. I'm fun, safe, HIV+, you be too, please. EXT 3578.

Older Seeks Younger for LTR - I'm a young looking/acting GWM, 70, 5'8", 160#, HIV- (you be too), very loving, caring & affectionate. You are under 40 & seeking same w/ older man. EXT 3579.

Is Your Life Missing Intimacy & Romance? - This GWM, 39, 5'8", 150#, seeks someone to spend quiet evenings w/, snuggle watching a video, etc. If you're 35-50, can & will share these things w/ me, call now. I'm bearded & hairy (drk blonde), average build, HIV+ but healthy. Non smokers only. You won't be disappointed. EXT 3580.

Healthy, Masculine, Handsome - Athletic, educated WM 28 seeks "real" WM under 45 w/ a motorcycle, open mind, & appetite. EXT 3581.

Looking for New Friends - GAM 29, 5'9", 175#, handsome, rock hard body, seeks GM 25-35 who likes to party, dance at the Stud, Spread? We are secure, cocky, yet friendly. Check it out. EXT 3582.

Cute, Smart, Hung White Boy - Fun-loving, out-going, aggressive top boy in wheelchair wants to meet cute, clean-shaven young boy w/ brains & nice body. I like jazz, travel, late night talks, & lots of sex. What do you like? EXT 3577.

SEEKING ADVENTURE

M-M

Very Masculine Hot GWM 29 - Is looking for hung tops w/ 8" or more. I'm very handsome & friendly guy w/ great body, mouth & butt, HIV- bottom. You be GWM, attractive, in-shape, over 5'10", hairy, blonde or redhead, w/ moustache or beard, non-smoker, warm & interested in meeting a nice & hot looking guy for wild safe sexplay. Leave description & I'll phone you back. EXT 3379.

BI, Straight or Butch Hunk - Who are hot bottoms in bed. This late 30s, handsome, hung, 6', 160#, GWM would like to mount you. If you like to be mounted you will not be disappointed. HIV+ OK, privacy & discretion assured. EXT 3460.

GLM Seeks GLM/GWM 4 Fun Times - There has got to be at least one GLM or GWM in SF who is 5'5" or shorter, w/hi/ proportionate, HIV-, N/D, who likes to get it on and is between 30 and 38, besides myself, that is. I'll be waiting for your call. EXT 3463.

Latino Topman Wanted - 34y/o BM seeking to meet Latino topman. Are you friendly & know how to take control? Don't shy. Let's talk. Must be complete top. Age not important. EXT 3466.

Hot Country Boy 27 - Long haired, slender, willing total bottom seeks hung (9"+ only) total top power fucker sex buddy for occasional visits. EXT 3467.

37y/o Bottom Boy - Looking for top man for mutual encounters. I'm 5'9", 160#, 32w, go to the gym a lot. Want to date & have a good time. Very adaptable & hope to meet same. EXT 3449.

Black on Black Passion - GBM 30, 5'9", 170#, Athletic build, hung 8", vers. bottom. Seeks other brothers for hot,

safe sweaty evenings in front of a fire. You: in-shape, both mentally & physically, 20-35. Hung a plus. No games. EXT 3465.

Bear Cub - GWM, 25, 5'6", 220#, seeking GW or GH males between 25-40. Hairy, moustaches a+. All calls returned. Beely OK. Versatile. EXT 3451.

Brains & Brawn - A dynamic, handsome Dad, 48, 172#, 5'11". A true renaissance man. Likes swimming, horses, & masculine loveable men. EXT 3468.

Sonoma County - Xtra handsome, healthy WM, 30s, br/gr, 6', 175#, masc., financially ind., homeowner seeks other goodlooking, in-shape, masc. men 18-40 who enjoy kicking back for oral service or pumping me w/ no recip. One time or regular basis ok. Lt party, smoke, drink ok. Lean only, honest. Serious callers will not be disappointed. EXT 3469.

Top this Italian - Attractive 28y/o, 5'10", 160#, toned, smooth-body, masculine, hung, nice round firm butt, looking for goodlooking, masculine top for safe plowing. EXT 3470.

Older Hung Black Top - Needs tall, masculine, mature bottoms. Please be free to travel, available early weekday mornings (in east bay), have a direct answer phone & no emotional commitments. One nighters or repeat visits. Safe only. EXT 3471.

BJ Campbell Area - By attractive Asian man. Looking for WM 18-35, gay or bi, clean cut, & attractive in Campbell area, that would like a really good BJ on a daily or weekend basis. Just try it. Call me. EXT 3472.

Three Ways - w/ very handsome, not boyish, affectionate, 30s versatile or oral top sought by very handsome, moustached 30s N/S buddies. One top, Italian looking, thick dark hair, defined very muscular body, big beautiful dick. Other is a bottom w/ thinning light hair, hairy chest, compact body, perfect butt, big dick. EXT 3473.

GBM Seeks Daddy Type w/ Big Dick - I'm 28 a GWM, HIV-, 49-55, w/ a big thick cock, well just kick back and let this goodlooking GBM service you for hours. I'm just what the doctor prescribed. EXT 3522.

Big Uncut - 35y/o versatile hot Latino seeks GWM, 30s-40s, for full service. You must be in good shape. Moustache a plus. EXT 3523.

E. Bay Hairy Masc. Top - Looking for daytime fuckbuddy, maybe some eyes. This handsome GWM 44, 6', 195#, in-shape, br/hr, hairy bear, is looking for other hairy bears who like hot passionate & verbal man to man, hairy chest to hairy chest, man sex. Hairy a must. E. Bay only. Hairy ass a+. EXT 3524.

Nice Butts - Drive me crazy. Looking for guys w/ bubble butts, 18-32. I'm 26, 5'10", 155#, cute. Like butt play, massage, etc. EXT 3525.

Hot Butt Licker Wanted - Beely, well-built, nice looking, 39y/o, WM w/ big muscular legs, nice chest, & big round muscled bubble butt, seeks a hot tongue on a well-built beefy masc. guy to tongue fuck this musc. bubble butt. EXT 3526.

Hot Bodies Together - Toned 37y/o GWM, 6', 150#, 20" seeks safe, sensual sex w/ guys about same age. Blondes preferred but open. EXT 3529.

Italian Ex-Football Jock - Seeking hot expert oral service on a regular basis. Call for description. EXT 3528.

Expert Cock sucker - Will suck you dry. Shooting your load down my throat. I'm looking for in-shape guys 21-40 who know what they want. I'm good-looking, 38, together GWM short brown hair/goatee. If you want your cock sucked as much as I want to do it, call. Dark hair, facial hair a plus. EXT 3530.

Intense "Workout" - 25y/o, GAM, 5'9", 160#, smooth hot bod, wants to meet other hot studs under 30y/o, in-shape (beef cake a plus) for one-on-one or group intense workout in the sack. EXT 3531.

GWM Seeks GAM - For fun, frolic, & fantasies. No commitment necessary but open to poss LTR w/ right person. Take a chance. Call. EXT 3532.

Ebony & Ivory - Black top, 6', 195#, 45, into White or Latino bottoms, 35+, who are submissive & aim to please. Moustache, beard a+. Safe sex only. EXT 3533.

Dare You - Seek a good top man who loves sex in the woods. Come on a camping trip w/ me. We can go hiking & while you are fucking me, other hickers will notice. EXT 3534.

Home is Where My Heart Is - Quiet, 30y/o homeboy (Cancer) seeks visitors to come over & play. I'm sensitive, stable, very cute, boyish looking. Enjoy, video movies, music, long walks & bike rides, long tender kissing & cuddling, & affection. 6', 160#, GBM w/ 9 1/2" cut. Looking for GM 23-35 w/ good looks & body who is honest, humorous, & has aggressive sexual appetite for frequent long encounters. EXT 3535.

Cock Needs Ass - This 50y/o GWM, 6', 155#, br/hr, glasses, seeks young (under 40), smooth, white asses to fuck w/ my 9" cock. Prefer smooth, well-built guys. EXT 3536.

RU as Verbally/Visually Cock Crazy As I - Do ya like dirty talk, but are tired of phone sex? Like j/o but meet fuck/suck types? Like buddy to buddy but meet top/bottom guys? Like getting fucked up but meet clean living types? Then let's party (share costs), my place (Oakland), 10-11pm. No shaved cocks, not into videos. EXT 3537.

Passion Like No Other - That all consuming hunger, turning us into animals, conquer me for yourself, no words, just flesh, sweat, & desire. Let's become one, if only for a moment. Me: 29, cute, smooth. You: dominant, around 30 & strong. EXT 3538.

Seeking Hot Third - Hot masculine couple, GWM, 29, 5'11", 160# jock bottom, & GLM 30, 5'11", 180#, hunky big top. Both rugged w/ big loads. Seek 25-35, hot looking guy for hot sweaty shoot offs. Must be hung like us. Open to bigger groups. Serious only. EXT 3539.

Marin Cocksucker - Seek cute, slim, smooth guys under 30. Any race, no \$, no recip. EXT 3540.

Hot Italian Cocksucker - Available days & evenings. Seeks hot men to drain on regular basis. Castro location. Call for description. Let me be your cocksucking slave. EXT 3541.

The Hottest Guy in Town - Even the Hottest guy in town is not worth you risking your health for. Play Safe! Protect yourself & those you play with. EXT SAFE.

Are You Not Well Hung, But Have a Great Ass - Then this sticky (not fat) 6', 200# top would love to meet you for reg. play. I'm 37, stache, masculine, UR 18-35, White or Eurasian, HIV+, healthy physically & sexually. Speedo lines turn me on. Jocks a+. EXT 3583.

Hung Black Male 9" - Clean uncut 59y/o, HIV-, 170#, wants submissive deepthroated expert cocksucker to suck cock & milk hot cum from my big balls. Erotic massage a turn on. You looks unimportant. Sincere please. Older preferred. EXT 3584.

Love Thin Asians - Handome, in-shape, professional GWM loves very thin Asians. I'm 52 (look much younger), Jewish, 5'9", 175#. Don't smoke, drink, HIV-, work-out regularly. I'm looking for top or poss LTR w/ a really thin Asian guy (age unimportant). EXT 3585.

Top Needed - Aggressive bottom seeks easygoing big top (not a circus). GWM 34, handsome, 5'10", bl/hr, outgoing, fun professional w/ beely athletic body, seeks an easygoing large (tall muscular) top for fun, sex, etc. EXT 3586.

Sexy Latin Bottom - Looking for top, race & age unimportant. Me: 30, 135#, firm bubble butt. You: masculine, hung big, Man of color a+. In East Bay. EXT 3588.

Stud Seeks Service - Xtrmly hot muscular 35y/o GWM masculine top, likes to fool around w/ hot GWM to 35 or kick back for expert service to completion. EXT 3589.

Ex-Navy Man - I'm 5'9", 180#, good shape, 31, new to SF. Looking for military guys in the Bay Area for buddies. Be adventurous & masculine. EXT 3590.

FK Master** - Greek active, 6'1", 185#, 35, White, defined physique, wants to plow butt of super thin, lean, muscular guys. EXT 3591.

I'm in Charge - Give in, come on, relax. I'll strip you, lay you back, & start at the top. Then I'll hey wait, just imagine what's next. Me: GWM, 45, good-looking, 5'11", 160#, moustache, HIV-, very fit, gym regular. You: GWM 35-45, well defined, hairy, big nipples a plus. Let's enjoy. Oral only. EXT 3592.

Midnight Madness - Late night pal wanted for hot sweaty man sex. I'm 35, 190#, brawny-muscular, 5'10", bl/hr, stache, smoker. You: night oriented, regular gym goer, 25-40, w/ early pm's free for cocksucking, kissing, coffee or Oprah. Stinky pits & defined abs a+. EXT 3593.

Brandon Lee or Keanu Reeves Lookalikes - GWM 36, dk hair, stache, masc, 6', 200#. Looking for hot Eurasians w/ defined bods & great asses for reg. fun. Boy should be 18-35, HIV+ & healthy w/ round plowable butt. EXT 3594.

Aggressive Dominant Top - WM hung big, 5'11", gym body, needs in-shape WM w/ hairy bubble butt to eat & fuck. EXT 3595.

GLM seeks WM Tops 4 Fun - I'm 5'4", 135#, 37y/o. I also enjoy giving massages. I enjoy being a bottom too. EXT 3596.

Crack in the Window - I love to pass an open window & catch a man undressing or more. I'm sexy, muscular, 30s, imaginative. I love strip search & humiliation fantasies. I also like to be caught bare-assed. No sex required. J/o, phone sex, shy or cocky, bi welcomed. EXT 3597.

Military Men Serviced - Ex-Navy guy, 48, husky, seeks military guys who need service fore and aft. Hairy, uncut OK. Get naked, get drained. You know you need it. EXT 3598.

Have Lover, Need Fuck Buddy - Where's the boy next door when you need him? Hot stocky dad, 6', 200#, 37, br/hzl, stache. Looking for hot young boy (18-35), HIV+ & healthy, for regular fucking. Tan lines & hot ass a must. EXT 3599.

Simmering - If you like them hot, you'll like me. I've been waiting for a while. Me: GWM, 42, goodlooking, 5'7", 155#, stache, muscular, gym regular. You: 35-50, muscular, Irish/German background a+. Give a call. EXT 3600.

FETISHES

Older Men Wanted - Clean cut, cute, late 20s guy really wants older masculine men for hot & somewhat sleazy sex. I'm very oral, love sucking cock & eating butt. Turn ons: men over 50, extra hung w/ hairy balls, super bushy crotches, big loads, vacuum pumps. EXT 3462.

Stud Butthole Licker in Monte Rio - Muscular, raunchy, river jock w/ rim seat, looking for stud men who like to have their assholes worshipped by a hot obedient tongue. EXT 3461.

Mature Latino GM Bottom - Looking for GBM or GWM who likes to plow nice hairy light ass. I'm 56", 145#, possible weekend relationship. All calls answered. EXT 3474.

Footman - If you have nice sexy looking smooth feet & want to see a hairy, passionate man (HIV-) down licking, groveling, & crawling to your feet & boots/shoes, on a regular basis, I'm your man. Live in East Bay & like bi men seeking regular cock & foot slaves. All answered. EXT 3475.

Little Faggot Boy - 18-24, bend over for this dominant Leo man. You: total submission. Me: total dominance. I'm 39, well preserved, HIV-, smooth hard body, & require complete servitude. Let's role play. EXT 3464.

Check These Out - Soft, juicy, oversized tits need TLC. GWM 44, 6'1", 220#. Black or Latino preferred. Very nice guy. EXT 3476.

Handsome & Athletic WM - Healthy, HIV-, 28y/o w/ great cock, smooth body, soft firm butt, & many feet. Seek tongue & piss baths by handsome, fit, healthy WM 30-45 animal. EXT 3477.

Nipple Fetish - Hot, muscular, 36, w/ hot wet mouth seeks a hot muscular guy w/ gigantic nipples to service on a regular basis. Serious only. No B.S. EXT 3478.

Feet First - Goodlooking, sensual GWM, 5'8", tan, trim, bearded, HIV-, loves mutual barefoot licking, smelling, caressing, clean moist feet. Like fantasy, role playing, safe j/o. I'm moderately hairy, built. East Bay preferred. EXT 3479.

Mr. Muscles! - Tired of just fantasies. Would like the real BB muscle worship experience. WM, 32, 6', 140#, seeks bulging biceps & prodigious pecs. Bigger the build, the better. EXT 3480.

Big Hairy Bear Lovers - Into jack off and foreskin manipulation. Husky GWM 45, HIV-, seeks younger smaller GWM or GLM, HIV- for mutual exploration.

Toys, FF, Fun - Goodlooking African American man 35y/o. Into mutual safe FF or Toys, butt play. On one or couples. Let's play. EXT 3481.

Santa Rosa BiWM - 50+, HIV-, long hair, beard, shaved pierced genitalies. Seeking couple M/F to serve as a slave. Need training at least three times a week. Your place or mine. Smoke, drink OK. EXT 3542.

Oral Obsession - Big peccs, nipples, or bubble butts? Fulfill my dream of sucking & milking on those nipples or tongue fucking your musc. bb. I'm 38, beely, well built WM w/ nice chest, big muscle legs & round bubble butt. Seek masc., beely, well built guy for oral obsessions. EXT 3543.

Tough Enough? - You're lean, young, muscular, hard-bodied. Attractive, strong, husky GWM will wrestle you to the ground & thoroughly work you over, especially your rock-hard abs. Safe, sane, limits respected. EXT 3544.

Turtleneck - Looking to find others who have unnatural attractions to men in turtleneck shirts & sweaters. EXT 3545.

Attention Facesitters - 5'11", 195#, bl/hzl, intense buttsucker. Seeking dominating verbal, masculine, responsive facesitter for long sessions. Lean & masculine only. Let those ass juices flow. EXT 3546.

E. Bay Male Bonding Buddy Desired - I dig being naked w/ other masculine men, mutually talking dirty, j/o, worshipping our cocks, exclusively, while getting fucked up (share costs), my place 10-11pm, for lengthy dates. No videos, shaved cocks. Change of pace from conventional fuck/suck physical scenes. EXT 3547.

GWM 52y/o, HIV- - Balding, moustached, w/ hot hairy tight butt, good-looking balls, clean 7" cock. I get turned on sucking cock & having my balls serviced hard. Prefer 45+. Spank my buns, get me hot. Seeking someone in Marin or close by. EXT 3521.

The Hottest Guy in Town - Even the Hottest guy in town is not worth you risking your health for. Play Safe! Protect yourself & those you play with. EXT SAFE.

Teddy Bear Dad Seeks Bottom Son - I want your ass. I want to look at it, touch, squeeze, massage, tickle & probe your buns. Light spanking will stimulate nerve endings. Me: attractive GWM, 44, 6'5", 280#, football player's build. You: attractive GWM 18-35, slim smooth, nice buns. EXT 3587.

Massage & J/O Partner - AM, 19y/o, seeks similar aged massage & j/o

buddy. Blk/hr, clean-cut, clean shaven, smooth swimmers body. EXT 3601.

I Want a Footman/Slave - I want a slave to get down on my feet licking, groveling, & crawling to my every desire. My big feet & my rod need service. Call now you slave. EXT 3602.

Lucha Libre - Hot hairy Gringo seeks hairy chested Mexican luchadores & peladros for very rough, intense muscle action. Boots, masks, trunks, & hairy Mexican muscle are real turn-ons. Arriba. EXT 3603.

Foot Fetish - Got it? Want it? Curious? EXT 3604.

Bootlicking Leather Slave - Get to SF 2-3 times a month. Slim, HIV+, healthy, mid-50s, need to be used & abused, dom. top list. EXT 3605.

Ass Over Tea Kettle - Hot handball bottom likes it suspended upside down. You go deeper. Lanky 58, beard, tats, rings, deepthroat, equipment. Any age, race, dom. top list. EXT 3607.

Rubber Fetish Party - Hot men who love to use & wear rubber or latex wanted for private party. Leathermen also accepted. EXT 3608.

Sir - Flush, butt plug, & flog my shaved boy ass; vacuum pump my shaved uncut pierced boy dick & my double pierced boy tits; shave my crew-cut head; collar me & leash my septum piercing to your spit & piss on me; show me off. Asian leatherboy 33, 5'8", 160# seeks leather dad into control. Sir! Thank you Sir! EXT 3609.

Attention: Sneaker Fetish - Are you into sneakers & have a sneaker collection? Into basketball hightops, cross trainers, & running shoes? If so, give a call for some serious shoe action. EXT 3610.

COUPLES

Young Asians & Latinos 18-28 Only - WM 30 desires to meet smooth, cut, young singles or couples for regular get togethers in E. Bay/Oakland. J/o & oral sex, open minded for other adult activities. EXT 3548.

OTHER

French Citizenship - French man age 34, responsible, student in radiology, 1 1/2 years in San Francisco. Seek American woman to share American/French citizenship, allowing you to live & work anywhere you want in Europe. No financial payments. Serious replies only please. EXT 3483.

Football Buddy Wanted - Are you glued to your TV Sept-Jan? Don't answer phone all day Sunday & Monday nights? Beer, Buds & Buffet is your idea of a good time? Let's talk. Half-time activity optional. EXT 3549.

How May I Serve You? - GWM 35, 6'3", 185#, seeking full time live-in, domestic help position for busy executive. Let me take over those tedious chores, cooking, errands, etc. With 18yrs. foodservice & hospitality experience. I'm your man. EXT 3550.

College Student - Drk/drk, 5'11", 165#, seeks GM in SF for live-in situation. Serious only. EXT 3551.

Tennis Anyone? - GM seeks anyone for tennis partner. Prefer weekday mornings, maybe Dolores Park. EXT 3611.

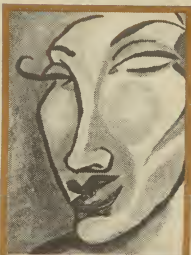
Fun Outdoors - Looking for excitement? Ski? White water raft? Camp? Wonder if there are gay/bi men w/ whom you can share the experience? There are. Call & leave a message. EXT 3612.

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Burnt Offerings: The Play

Sick and Twisted Players' new production, a gothic haunted house thriller directed by and starring Tony Vaguely (in the Karen Black role.) Fri. & Sat. thru 9/3. \$8. 8pm. The Diesel Cathedral, 3178 17th St. 826-5558.

Espiritu de Espana

Theatre Flamenco, the West Coast's Spanish Dance Company, opens its 28th season. Fri.-Sun. thru 8/28. \$18. 8pm. Cowell Theatre, Fort Mason. 392-4400.

Fractured Vision

Experimental modern dance from Fellow Travelers Performance Group, part of the Summertime Dance Project. \$12.50. 8pm. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St. 621-7797.

King Lear

Thick Description's production of Shakespeare's tragedy stars Rhonnie Washington. Fri.-Sun. thru 9/11. \$8-12. 8pm. Brava! Studio, 2180 Bryant St. 550-7250.

The Maids

Genet's powerful drama, directed by Scott Stewart. Fri. & Sat. thru 9/3. \$5. 8:30pm. Build, 483 Guerrero. 863-3321.

Robert Gordon's *Once And For All* at the Marsh, SEE THURS

Scenes From My Love Life

World premiere of a new play by Ronnie Larsen about sex clubs, phone sex and theatre critics. Thurs.-Sun. thru 8/28. \$12. 8:30pm. Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St. 861-5079.

Seismic Farewell Party

San Francisco Art Commission Gallery, declared a seismic hazard, hosts a going-away party, featuring a projected retrospective of its exhibition history. 8pm. 155 Grove St. 554-9682.

Speed the Plow

David Mamet's look at the film industry. Thurs.-Sun. thru 9/3. \$16. 8pm. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St. 621-4423.

Summer and Smoke

The Actors Theatre's 45th Anniversary production of Tennessee Williams' tragic drama. Thurs.-Sun. thru 9/17. \$14-16. 8pm. Actors Theatre, 533 Sutter St. 296-9179.

Sweat

Women's performance, spoken word, dance and glandular activity. Fri. & Sat. \$5-10. 8pm. Luna Sea, 2940 16th St. 863-2989.

Tattoo Love

Return engagement of Doug Holsclaw's acclaimed

evening of comic sketches opens. Fridays thru 9/16. \$10. 10pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

Testosterone Meets Estrogen

Absolute Theatre presents 3 one-act plays. Thurs.-Sat. thru 8/27. \$8. 8pm. Bernice St. Playhouse, 21 Bernice St. 626-6789.

Too Much Light

"Makes the Baby Go Blind", 30 plays in 60 minutes from Chicago's Neo-Futurists. Fri. & Sat. thru 9/3. \$3+roll of a single dice. 11pm. Encore Theatre, 450 Geary St. 995-1981.

Tricks

TV gay dating show: "Too Hot to Handle" episode. 10pm. Cable Channel 53.

Underworld

Swimsuit edition of the boys-in-briefs club. Strip to your speedo. \$10. 10pm-4am. 55 Natoma. 978-9448.

SA 27

Barnstormin'

Dance theatre work about the Negro Baseball Leagues from the 20s thru 50s. Sat. & Sun. \$12.50. 4 & 8pm. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St. 621-7797.

Blowout

"A Hair-Raiser for AIDS" features hair talent as top salons and stylists create over 80 'dos in a benefit for Visiting Nurses and Hospices of SF. \$30. 9:30pm. Club Townsend, 177 Townsend. 974-6020.

Cabstitute

Cabaret in the Sky Room. \$3-5. Midnight.

Eichelberger's, 2742 17th St. 863-4177.

Censorship, Solidarity and the Mainstream

"Queer Writing and Queer Identity" panel discussion. Lesbian/gay/bi caucus of the Bay Area Writer's Union. \$9 includes brunch. 11am. Women's Bldg., 3543 18th St. 621-3560.

Gate Sidewalk Sale

Benefits AIDS Emergency Fund "Every Penny Counts Project." Sat. & Sun. 9am-6pm. Gate Restaurant & Bar, 1093 Pine St.

Gay Comedy Night

Marilyn Pittman, Scott Silverman, Lisa Geduldig. \$10. 10pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

Golden Girls

Elegant dance for women, live music, produced by Bay Area Career Women. \$45. 7pm. Pan Pacific Hotel, 500 Post St. 495-5393.

Late Nite with Joan Jett Blakk

Drag queen/Presidential candidate Blakk returns with her celebrity talk show, every Sat. thru Aug. Midnight. \$8. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

Open Mike

Susan Kay hosts monthly program showcasing local non-profit organizations serving the lesbian & gay community. 5pm. Cable Channel 53.

Statuewalk

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statues, offered by Peter Garland. Donation. 11am. Meet at Lincoln statue on Polk St. side of City Hall. 510-523-1988.

Strauss, Sondheim & Spirituals

Summer concert of the Golden Gate Men's Chorus. Tonight at 8pm. Sun. at 6pm. \$10. St. Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St. 626-2883.

SU 28

The Bottoming Book Exhibit

"How to Have Terrible Things Done to You by Wonderful People" Illustrations from book by Catherine A. Lizst & Dossie Easton on display thru 9/11. Reception, 3-5pm. Stormy Leather, 1158 Howard St. 626-1672.

Company

Stephen Sondheim's musical, directed by Joe Tanzi. Sundays thru 9/4. \$10. 3pm. Chaparral, 131 Gough St. 252-8950.

From Fun to Fantasy

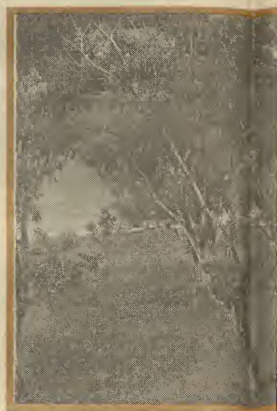
Exhibition of photographs by Chip Hroncich, men that dreams are made of. Thru Aug. at Moby Dick, 18th St. at Hartford. 824-3838.

Latina Theatre Lab

Open House. Reading by Cherrie Moraga, performance by Wilma Bonet. 1-5pm. Brava! Studio, 2180 Bryant St. (510) 658-4543.

Paintings by Kitty

Drag performer shows portraits. 5pm-2am thru 9/9. Eichelbergers, 2742 17th St. 863-4177.



M 29

Gay Comedy Open Mike

M.C. Maria Falzone. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone. \$5. 8pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

Bette Midler

The Divine Miss M returns. Mon. & Tues. \$22.50-\$75. 8pm. Shoreline Amphitheatre, Mountain View. (510) 762-BASS.

Five Directions, One Path

Neopagan digital & hand-crafted creations by five faerie-inspired artists. Opening ritual tonight, 6-9pm. Exhibit runs Sundays thru Sept., 1-5pm. 848 Community Space, 848 Divisadero. 255-0471.

On the Edge of Revolt

San Francisco Lesbians and Gays Before Stonewall, an exhibit chronicling pre-Stonewall political activity in SF. Thru 8/31. Eureka Valley/ Harvey Milk Memorial Library, 3553 16th St. 554-9445.

Patsy Cline and the Memphis G-Spots

Arturo Galster as the Queen of Country



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Fantasy '94 emcee Shan Carr (L) fancies Sacramento's Jolanne Tierney as a car wash at The Max in Omaha last weekend.

IMsL Now Belongs to Omaha

Shortly after midnight last Saturday night at Fantasy '94 at The Max bar in Omaha, Nebraska, after thousands of dollars were raised for the Leather Archives & Museum in Chicago and Omaha's Citizens for Equal Protection, Inc., former International Ms. Leather Amy Marie Meek announced that she had been offered by the International Ms. Leather Inc. Board in San Francisco, the ownership of the International Ms. Leather title and that she had accepted the offer.

The present incumbent, Anne "Spencer" Bergstedt of Seattle, has agreed to serve with the title for six months longer than the usual one-year incumbency (until September 1995). The first contest under the aegis of the new owner(s) will take place in Chicago on Labor Day weekend. Annually on Labor Day weekend, the contest will be held in various other cities. Ms. Meek jokingly stated that the contest itself would

never be held in Omaha.

Amy cited the "burn out" of San Francisco's IMsL board and the dearth of community support (i.e., volunteers), along with financial difficulties, so apparently the board decided they could no longer continue to produce the annual event, and either voted or agreed to sell the rights to the title. No phone calls were returned by my deadline.

Thankfully, a previous IMsL winner who couldn't imagine the demise of the title, has taken it over and will produce it annually. If anybody is a mover and a shaker in the women's leather community, it is Amy Marie Meek. Her enthusiasm, community support (not to mention her chutzpah), will assure leather/SM women, and the community at large, that IMsL will live and continue to give women recognition and support.

Meanwhile back here, brickbats as well as roses are already being hurled at the board of directors of IMsL, Inc. for this move, which has shocked loyal

San Francisco leather people who have diligently supported IMsL, Inc. Unfortunately the Board thought that that support was not enough. And apparently the decision to abandon IMsL was kept secret because of the repercussions that would have surely developed. I'm sure you'll hear more about this in the future. Let me be the first to congratulate and extend best wishes for success to Amy Marie Meek and her loyal supporters on their willingness to undertake this major event, not just for personal aggrandizement, but to continue a tradition that serves not only leather/SM people, but the community as a whole.

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The sixth edition of Fantasy '94 was probably one of the most successful ever. Over 30 major male and female leather title-holders (past and present) along with other leather luminaries, participated in the three-day event. In addition to the



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The "Big Kahunas" of Leatherdom (L. to R.) IML Jeffrey Tucker, IMsL Anne Bergstedt, Intl. Mr. NLA Mark Frazier and Intl. Mr. Drummer Graylin Thornton at Fantasy '94 in Omaha last weekend.

funds raised for the beneficiaries, two impromptu auctions to help Shan Carr's "Out For Laughs" comedy project raised close to \$4000 for a project that has been languishing for lack of funds.

Auctions, raffles, admissions and benefit dinners and brunches all added together were the main activities of the weekend-long fundraiser spearheaded by Dustin Logan and his lover, Bob Ewing, and co-sponsored by *The Leather Journal*. Play parties, a softball game, a fabulous show with fantasies by the title-holders, workshops, short speeches and a brunch and softball game all helped to make for a very memorable — and successful — event. Ms Oklahoma Leather Cindy Bookout created a furor when, after collecting the sashes and vests of various title-holders, she got on-stage with them and they had to bid to get them back! Jolanne Tierney closed the show with her upbeat, bouncy musical rampage on the bar and possibly every corner of the showroom. Good golly, Miss Molly, that woman can move! Bedlam! Plans for Fantasy '95 are already underway. See you there next year?

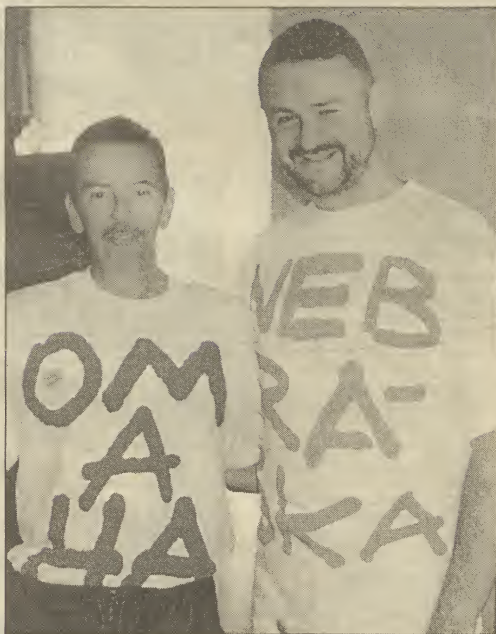


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Chicago's IML Den Daddy Walter Klingler (L.) and IML Head Judge Thom Dombkowski wasted no time getting "in uniform" at Fantasy '94 in Omaha last weekend.

It's getting so I'm scared to leave town. Upon my return from Omaha over the weekend I was saddened to learn that two of my good friends, Cal Eagles MC member John Janeczko and Ms. Rikki Streicher, passed away. The community loses two very lovable, generous and productive people in these individuals. I can recall countless Sunday afternoon beerbusts at the SF-Eagle when John reigned

supreme on the top step leading to the stage, surveying his fellow club members and the crowd at large; he served long and diligently with Inter-Club Fund and was always willing to help others who needed his guidance. John had a bombastic personality and a no-nonsense approach to problem-solving that positively affected the community. I had many long and meaningful talks with him about

the club community. I always had the feeling when I left him that I had been talking with someone who really knew the strengths and weaknesses of the community and that he always had its best interests at heart.

I had long conversations with Rikki as well, explaining the realities of the leather/SM community, its men and women players. Without any condescension, Rikki tried very hard to understand the leather/SM lifestyle. But even if she never fully understood it, she was never critical and only hoped that while this community was having fun and raising money that no one hurt anyone in the process.

Rikki was always a delight to interact with. Serving on the board

of the Cable Car Awards with her was always a pleasure and a learning experience. Her allegiance, support and enthusiasm was contagious. She was loved by both men and women alike. A pioneer in the bar industry, her Maud's bar and other venues was a welcome addition to the night life of San Francisco's lesbian community. It was also a place where men were always welcome.

To Rikki's lover Mary Sager, and to John's lover David Speer, I grieve with you at our mutual losses. You are both richer, as is the rest of the community, for having been associated with John and Rikki.

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Affairs to Remember

Applications are now available at the SF-Eagle for anyone who wants to compete for the SF Leather Daddy's Boy title. The contest at the Eagle takes place Sunday, September 4, from 1500 to 1800, with a beer/soda bust benefiting the AIDS Emergency Fund.

Thursday, Aug. 25

Mr. SF Bear Bill Byrne and runner-up Bob Riley present a beer/soda bust at The Bear tonight from 2000 to 2300. Your \$6 benefits the AIDS Emergency Fund. This is their first fundraiser, so show your support by being there.

Friday, Aug. 26

Philip Turner's Leather Extravaganza, a benefit for the AEF, at 3731 16th St. tonight from 2000 to 2300, with an open bar, hors d'oeuvres, commemorative pins, silent auction, photos by Tim Wong, and music by Waterproof Souls and Viola Wills. \$30 advance/\$40 door or \$50 benefactor. Call (415) 621-8550 for more info.

The Fabulous Cooties headline the "I'll Do Anything for a Title" event at the Watering Hole tonight from 2100 to midnight to benefit the Leather Archives and Operation Spanner.

Saturday, Aug. 27

The Godfather Service

Fund celebrates its 10th anniversary tonight with a soiree in The Pavilion at the Cathedral Hill Hotel beginning at 1830. One of the community's most respected AIDS organizations, the GSF deserves everyone's support for the work they do for AIDS patients in hospitals all over the Bay Area.

The 15 Association's monthly play party tonight is "Pig Rodeo," with doors open between 2100 and 2300. Play until 0200 Sunday for \$10. BYOB but call (415) 673-0452 for invite and location.

Wear your club overlay or present your invitation to get into the Pacific Bears third anniversary party on the patio of the SF-Eagle tonight from 1800 to 2200. Congratulations and many more, guys!

Sunday, Aug. 28

SF Trojans football team hosts the beer/soda bust at the SF-Eagle today. No details furnished at my deadline.

Weekend, Sept. 2-5

The end of summer and Labor Day activities galore! Leather Daddy's Boy Contest, Satyr MC weekend run, Centaur MC in Washington weekend run, Leather/SM Dyke Powersurge Conference in Seattle and much, much more. Details next week. ▼

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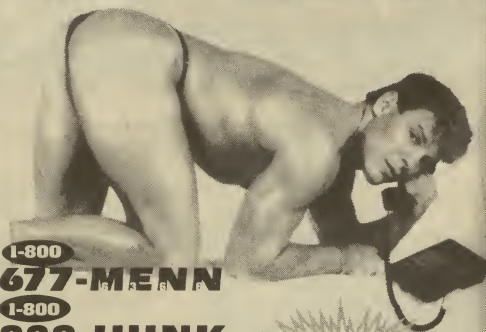
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Late Flash: It was unexpectedly leaked last week that Dick Hogan, owner of The Leather Rack in Washington, D.C. has sold the business to Jim McGlade of New York, who just happens to be the

significant other of Frank Nowicki, Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather '93. According to very, very reliable sources in the Capital, John Rocco resigned upon hearing the news. And the latest dish is that Gary Floyd will be the new manager. Stay tuned for more trauma from Bouffant Circle. ▼

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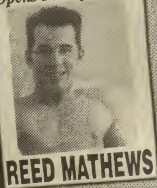
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Men Behind Bars, the annual Bartenders' Folly, gets under way once again at the Victoria Theatre on Labor Day Weekend, September 2-5. There are only seven performances, so I suggest you get your tickets early as everyone will want to be a part of MBB '94. Right Emperor Steven Rasher? For more information, call 776-1979. There are matinees at 2 p.m. and evening performances at 8 p.m. Here's hoping I see all of you there.

Frontline Video at Polk and Bush has a great selection of videos and, of course, they have the handsome Steve there to assist you. He'll gladly help you find just what you're looking for, no matter how blue your tastes may be.

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Friday, September 26, at 9 p.m. in Kimo's Showroom a candidate for Grand Duchess "Joey" will throw a party and show. This promises to be very interesting, so come on down and hoist a few with the boys at Kimos.

Ah, the joys of eating. How sweet it is. That's what I say every time I finish one of those great Marseille chicken sandwiches prepared so well by Lambert at the Star Dust Cafe, located next door to the Polk Rendezvous. They also serve great hamburgers.

On Saturday and Sunday, the 27th and the 28th, from 9 a.m. till 6 p.m., The Gate Bar & Restaurant will present its third annual Sidewalk Sale for "Every Penny Counts." You can



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also purchase tickets for chances to win hundreds of donated great prizes — a very great event not to be missed. I want to thank all of the people who've worked so hard to help put this event together.

Well, even though some people don't want to hear out-of-town news I can't write this column without telling you at least a little about my fabulous and unforgettable "Queen City Cruise" on August 6 in Seattle. The Goodtime II cruise ship was simply marvelous, done up smashing with, of all things, a HUGE pair of lips on the bow. Lots of buffet food, some 500 passengers and five hours of loud disco music, made this trip something to behold. As the ship prepared to depart one

of the local — and great — entertainers (her name escapes me at the moment) sang "I Am What I Am" and the crowd on the shore was simply ecstatic. I don't remember a better reception to a gay cruise. Congratulations to the "Tacky Tourist Club of Seattle" for putting together such a professional and thoroughly enjoyable event. And thank you, especially, Steve Suss of the Embers/Avenue in Portland for allowing Ray McWade and yours truly the pleasure of going with you.

Incidentally, Steve has done the disco room of the Embers/Avenue over fabulously. you've never seen so many lights or heard such a fantastic sound system. ▼

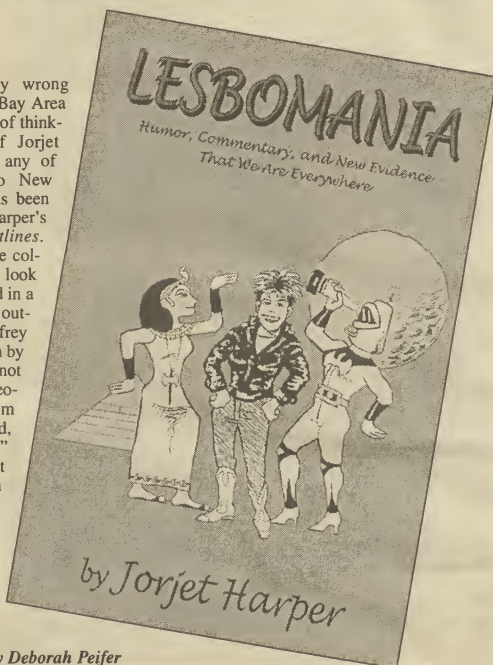
BOOK BRIEF

Lesbomania

by Jorjet Harper;
New Victoria, \$9.95

The one significantly wrong aspect of life in the Bay Area has been, to my way of thinking, the absence of Jorjet Harper's column in any of our local papers. Thanks to New Victoria, however, that lack has been remedied with a collection of Harper's columns from *Chicago Outlines*. *Lesbomania*, the column and the collection, is as funny and astute a look at our lesbian lives as I have read in a long time. Consider her take on outing: "I'd like to see Oprah Winfrey dispel rumors that she's a lesbian by telling the press, 'Well, no, I'm not a lesbian, though I realize that people might think so because I'm such an independent, self-assured, charming, intelligent woman.'" When Harper contemplates not attending the Michigan Women's Music Festival, her anxiety leads to the creation of a whole new kind of guilt, "Michig-angst." Jorjet Harper reminds us, with superb writing and delightful wit, that the reason to be a lesbian is for the sheer joy of it. ▼

—by Deborah Peifer



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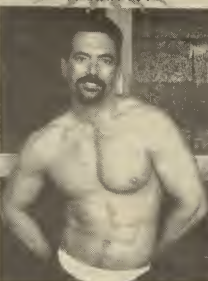
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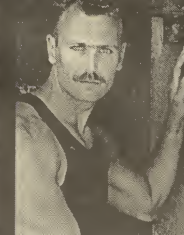
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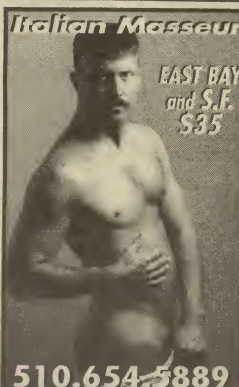
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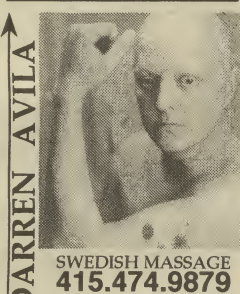


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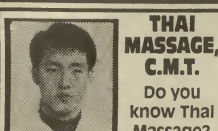
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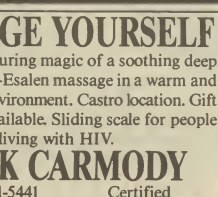


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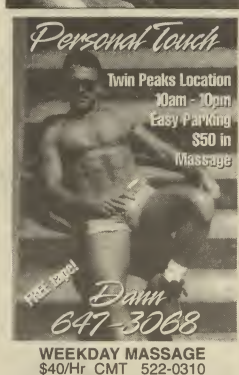
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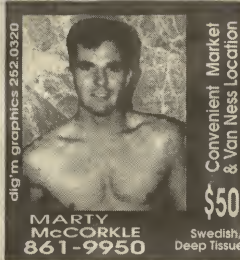
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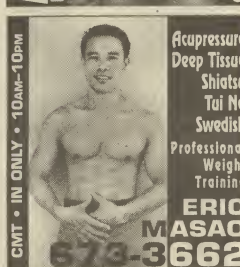
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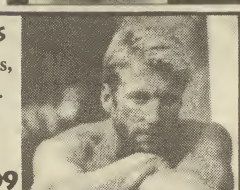
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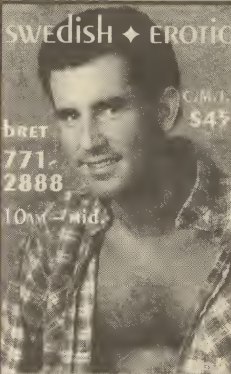
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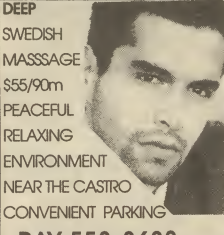
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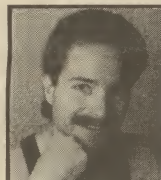
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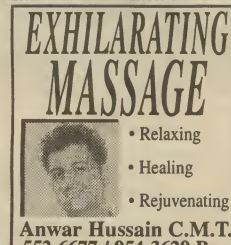
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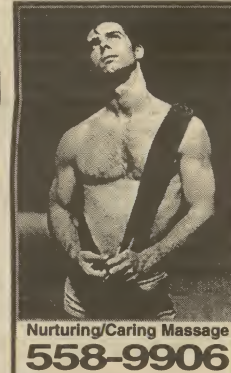
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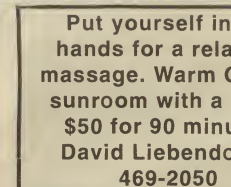
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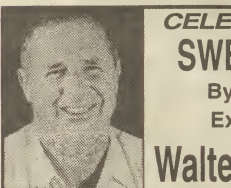
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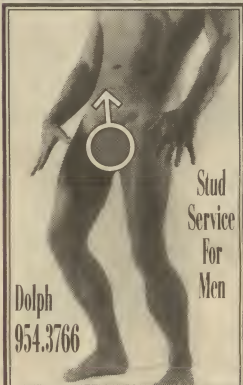
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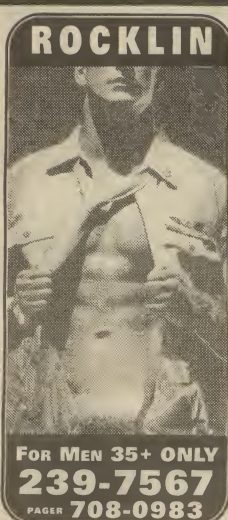
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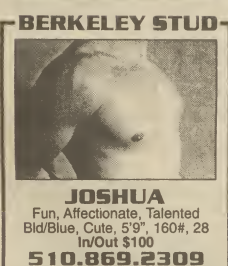


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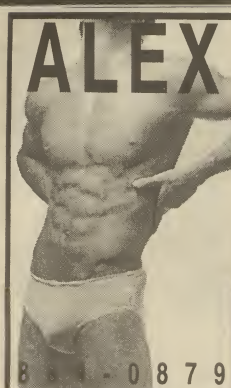
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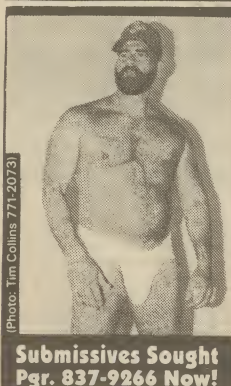
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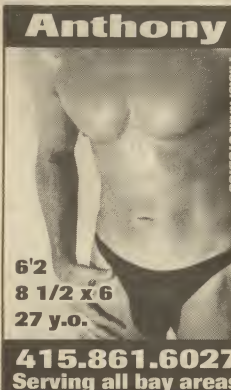
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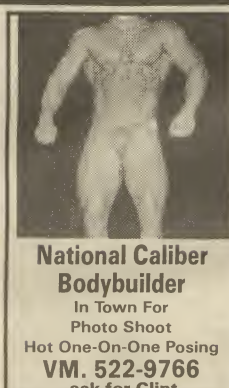
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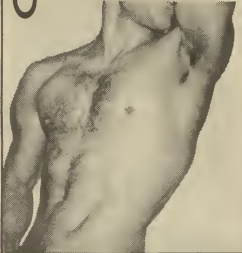
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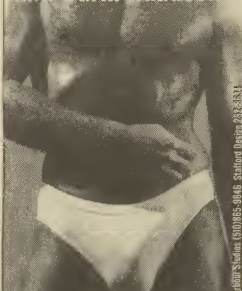
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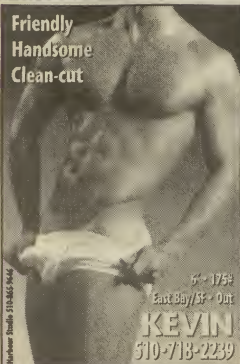
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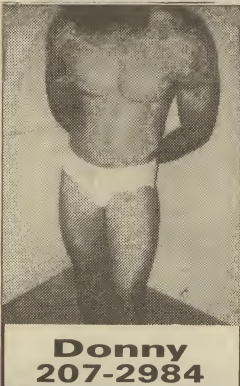
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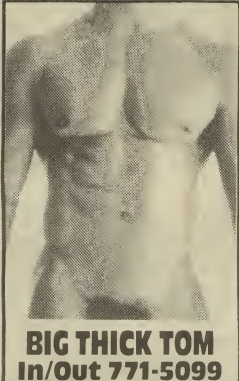
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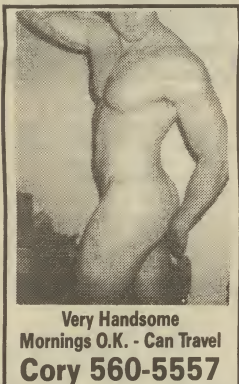


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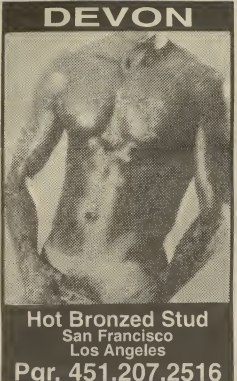


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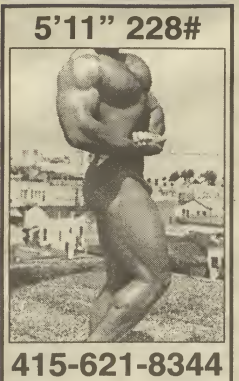
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